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—The son of N. T. Watson is quite ill.

—Louis Griswold went to Chicago last night.

—Harry Fisk, Jr., left yesterday on a trip to New Orleans.

—T. T. Springer and Will Ruckle went to Chicago last night.

—Mrs. A. Haag went to Princeton, Ill., to day to visit friends.

—Mrs. Albert Barber, living on North Mercer street, is quite ill.

—Donna Smallwood, daughter of Joseph Smallwood, who has been ill, is better.

—Frank Perl, the son of Peter Perl, is confined to his home by an attack of the grip.

—Jerome Smallwood and Frank Pahlmeyer will leave this evening to attend the Mardi Gras at New Orleans.

—Miss Nora McCay, who has been visiting in the city, will leave tomorrow for her home in Chicago.

—Miss Lillie Baker, a young lady of Taylorville, who is quite well known in this city, is dangerously ill.

—Miss Effie Milburn entertained a few friends last night in honor of her cousin, Miss Jennie Bowdle of Milmine.

—At Jacksonville Saturday a musicale will be given by Miss Margaret Olive Black in honor of Miss Eugenia Harris of this city.

—Prof. D. S. Wilkinson and daughter, Miss Erfred, former residents of Decatur, are guests of W. E. Montgomery and family on Bradford street.

—Edgar Summers, of Clark county, Ill., is visiting his brother, Albert T. Summers. He was a delegate from Clark in the judicial convention.

—Will Dill, Will Shorb and Oscar Dawson returned home last night from Springfield where they have been attending a convention of the master plumbers of the state.

—Rev. C. F. Rogers, formerly pastor of the Church of God of this city, passed through Decatur yesterday on his way from Shelbyville to his home in Lodge, Ill.

—T. L. Evans, principal of the Marietta street school, was called to Peoria, O., last night by the serious illness of his mother, Mrs. Margaret Evans. He may be gone several days.

—Attorney Nay Boggess will leave the first of the month for Washington to attend McKinley's inauguration. He will visit in Virginia and Ohio and expects to return home in about thirty days. Albert Bachrach and Hugh Hughes are among the others who will attend the inauguration.

Y. M. C. A.

Get your tickets and reserved seats for the basket ball game at West's drug store.

MARKETS.

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 25, 1897.

THE REPUBLICAN is indebted to S. Z. Taylor, dealer in grain, provisions and stocks, with correspondents in Chicago, New York, Minneapolis and St. Louis for the following market quotations

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
Wheat—				
February	—	—	—	73⅝
May	73¼	74⅛	73⅜	74⅛
July	70⅝	72	70⅝	72
Corn—				
February	—	—	—	22⅝
May	24½	24⅝	24⅛	24⅝
July	25⅛	25⅝	25⅛	25⅝
Oats—				
February	—	—	—	15⅝
May	17½	17⅝	17⅛	17⅝
July	18⅛	18⅛	13	18⅛
Pork—				
February	—	—	—	—
May	8 10	8.10	8.00	8.02½
Lard—				
February	—	—	—	—
May	4.10	4 12½	4.07	4.10
Ribs—				
February	—	—	—	—
May	4.17½	4.17½	4.10	4.15

May wheat: puts, 74⅛c; calls, 75⅛c; curb, 74⅞.

TO-DAY'S RECEIPTS—CAR LOTS.

Wheat—13. Estimated, 12. Year ago, 59.
Corn—131; Estimated, 125; a year ago, 270.
Oats—179; Estimated, 180; a year ago, 201.

ESTIMATES FOR TO-MORROW.

Wheat, 12; Corn, 175; oats, 205.
Hog receipts 27,000; estimated, 26,000. Market strong, 5c higher
Light, $3.35@3.72; Mixed $3.50@3.67; Heavy $3.50@3 60; Rough $3.25@3.40.
Estimated for to-morrow, 24,000.
Cattle receipts, 9,000. Market steady.

PEORIA QUOTATIONS.

PEORIA, Feb. 25.—Corn, steady, new, No. 2, white, 19½c; oats, quiet, No. 2, white, 17½@18c; Rye, nominal.

NEW YORK MARKET.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—Butter, steady, creamery, 12@19c; Eggs, quiet, 13@17c.
NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—Wheat, May, 80⅝c; Corn, May, 29⅝c; oats, May, 21⅛c.

ST. LOUIS MARKET.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 25.—Wheat, cash, 86c; May, 84⅝c; Corn, cash 20⅝; May, 17⅝; Oats, cash 17c, May, 18⅛.

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Absolutely Pure
Celebrated for its great leavening strength and healthfulness. Assures the food against alum and all forms of adulteration common to the cheap brands.
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LEE'S VIGOROUS VIM.

New York Herald Publishes the Late Despatch Cabled by Consul-Gen. Lee.

HE DID DEMAND WAR SHIPS.

Suggests that He Will No Longer Endure Spanish Insults to the United States — Wants to Release Scott.

New York, Feb. 26.—The Herald's this morning publishes what it asserts is a copy of dispatch cabled by Consul General Lee to Secretary of State Olney as follows

Olney, Washington: Have demanded the release of Scott, an American citizen, who has been kept in prison and incommunicate without due process of law, eleven days. Trust you appreciate the gravity of the situation and are prepared to sustain me. Must have warships immediately. How many ships have you at Tampa, Key West and in southern waters, and are you prepared to send them here should it become necessary? I can't and will not stand another Ruiz murder.

Lee's Cable in Spain.

Madrid, Feb. 26.—Extreme reserve is maintained in official circles here over the procedure of United States Consul General Lee. His course is regarded as "intolerably high handed." The government is disposed to meet all reasonable demands of the United States as to American citizens.

Madrid, Feb. 26.—There is nothing abnormal in the relations of United States Minister Taylor to Spain. The relations between Spain and the United States has not been disturbed.

DUE TO OLNEY.

Why Sanguilly's Counsel Withdrew His Papers for Appeal.

Havana, Feb. 26.—Senor Mesa Dominguez, counsel for Julio Sanguilly, has filed in the Havana court papers retiring (withdrawing) the appeal to the supreme court of justice of Madrid made against the sentence of the Havana criminal court, condemning Sanguilly to imprisonment for life. The determination of Sanguilly to withdraw his appeal is due to his intention to ask for pardon. A correspondent is informed that Secretary Olney cabled to Sanguilly, advising him to withdraw his appeal and accept a pardon, conditional upon his leaving the island of Cuba and engaging to have nothing to do hereafter with the revolution. The correspondent is further informed that Secretary Olney has expressed the hope that Sanguilly will accept his advice and keep his word.

American Flag Destroyed.

Key West, Fla., Feb. 26.—The Havana steamer that arrived late last evening brought news that much excitement prevails there over reports of the doings at Washington yesterday. Spanish officers are reported to have insulted Americans openly on several occasions in the suburbs, and one small American flag over a confectionery store in Guanabacoa was destroyed by a squad of Spanish soldiers and the proprietors warned not to put up another. To his credit and bravery be it said another was raised in half an hour, and the proprietor is expecting trouble.

Several arrests were made at Regla and Guanabacoa yesterday, but none of the names were given out. There were four women and eight men. It is stated that two Americans are in the party, but this is not thought correct. It was stated there late this afternoon, according to cable, that three prisoners in Guanabacoa jail, who were accused of seeing and talking too much about the Dr. Ruiz case, are "missing." Everyone knows what that means

Ruiz's Writing on His Dungeon Wall

Jacksonville, Fla., Feb 26.—According to late news from Havana there is now no doubt but that Dr. Ruiz was brutally murdered by his keepers at Guanabacoa, and the American nation will shudder with horror and indignation when the full story is told with all its details. The following was found scratched on the floor of the narrow, stifling cell in which the wretched man was confined:

"Mercedes, Nina Ricardo, Evangeline—Good by, children of my heart. I give you my blessing. Be obedient to your mother. If I am taken to Havana they will kill me. Tell Rita to tell all good by. Rita, o' my soul, good by."

The American colony is wild over the matter and say they will claim protection of the British flag if the American administration can do nothing. Lee's bold, dignified and vigorous action has made him a man of moment, and all have given him the greatest meed of praise.

THE MARCH OF THE TURK.

Troops Coming from Many Points are Concentrating on the Frontier.

Salonica, Feb. 26.—The massing of Turkish troops and ammunitions of war on the frontier is preceding with feverish haste. All the soldiers on furlough have been recalled. Eleven batteries of artillery, a regiment of cavalry and two battalions of infantry have gone to Elassona. Two additional battalions of infantry have reached Katerina and Redifs from Smyrna, Brusia, Trebizonde and elsewhere. Other troops in Anatolio are on their way here and the frontier where a total of six divisions will be formed with headquarters at Elassona.

King of Greece May Desist.

London, Feb. 26.—Private advices from Athens say the king of Greece has intimated his intention to accede to the demand of the powers.

Will Favor a Progressive Policy.

Athens, Feb. 26.—The government deputies at a secret meeting today decided to support any government favoring a forward policy.

ON THE GRECIAN FRONTIER.

The Turks Sending Troops to Meet the Advance of the Greeks.

New York, Feb. 26.—The Herald has today received from Athens, special dispatches which state that reports from Turnavo are to the effect that 700 Turkish troops have arrived at Elassona. Two other detachments are expected shortly. Six batteries are on the way to the Greek frontier. Dedet Pasha, until now in command at Bagdad, has been appointed commander in chief. The Greek cruisers, Mycali and Sfaktirea, arrived at Piraeus, from Crete today. The grand duke, George of Russia, arrived from Patras on board the Tsaravana, and leaves at once for an unknown destination.

NOT GUILTY

The Jury in the Trial of G. W. Smith for Murder Acquit.

Pekin, Feb. 26.—The trial of George W. Smith, of Dillon township, for the killing of his son-in-law, Lewis Perrill, on July 1, 1895, was concluded yesterday in the Tazewell county circuit court, Judge Worthington on the bench, when the jury returned their verdict of "not guilty," and G. W. Smith, the defendant, was discharged.

Gertie Harris Kills Herself.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 26.—Gertie Harris (colored) aged 20, committed suicide at her mother's home yesterday by shooting herself through the breast. About eighteen months ago she had a quarrel with her lover, Horace Lewis, on the street one evening as the two were going to her home. They talked for a while at the gate. As he was leaving there was a pistol shot and he fell dead. There were many people on the street at the time, but no one claimed to have seen the shot fired. The Harris girl was arrested, but was acquitted. Amanda White, a colored woman, supposed to know something of the case, became insane some time ago, and raved incessantly over the Lewis murder, declaring Gertie Harris to be the murderess. The Harris girl has been despondent ever since, and this is supposed to have been the cause of her suicide.

New England at the Inauguration.

Boston, Feb. 26.—Massachusetts and the other five New England states will be fully represented, both officially and by a large array of private citizens at the inauguration ceremonies at Washington, Thursday next. As usual companies of militia will represent states in the parade. Several railroads will run special trains on trunk lines. Maine and New Hampshire will also send a large number of their citizens and reports from Connecticut say their citizens will not be far behind Massachusetts in point of numbers.

Failure at Louisville.

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 26.—The United States Building and Loan association has assigned. The company's attorney says the association is solvent and expects to continue business, failure resulting from dissensions. Nearly $600,000 are involved.

Executed.

Little Rock, Ark., Feb. 26.—Robert Cox and another negro known as Crazy Jim, were hanged together yesterday. The former for rape of a negro woman, and the latter for the murder of Lawrence Williams, aged 17 years.

The Guinea Massacre.

Brisbane, Queensland, Feb 26.—Further details from Guinea of the massacre by natives of Manabre, in which the government residents was killed say that in addition six miners and forty natives were murdered.

Cold in South Dakota.

Miller, S. D., Feb. 26.—The temperature this morning is 24 degrees below. There are only a few tons of coal in town. The roads are blocked with snow.

Prize Fight Bill Defeated.

Salt Lake, Utah, Feb. 26.—The bill to legalize prize fighting was defeated in the house this morning.

JUDGE LYNCH.

A Young Negro Fires on His Pursuers Fatally Wounding a Deputy Sheriff.

WAS PROMPTLY HUNG BY A MOB.

Was Accused of Attempting to Criminally Assault a Young Girl—The High Water Mark at Cincinnati.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Feb. 26.—At Soddi this morning Charles Brown, a young negro, attempted to criminally assault Lillie Walker, the daughter of a respectable farmer. When a posse attempted to arrest him he fatally shot Deputy Sheriff Sadler. A mob then strung Brown up to a tree and riddled his body with bullets.

The Situation at Cincinnati.

Cincinnati, Feb. 26.—The river has apparently reached the maximum of sixty-one feet and two inches at 8 o'clock this morning. This is the fifth time in the history of the city when the river exceeded sixty feet. The highest was in 1884 when it reached seventy-one feet and three-fourths of one inch.

CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS.

Cuban Resolution Passes the Senate.

Washington, Feb. 26.—In the senate the Cuban question came up at 1 p. m. Frye said there was no need of wasting powder to make a noise and the resolution should not go on the calendar. Morgan in charge of the resolution presented a new one asking the president for information as to the arrest of George Washington Agairre, in Cuba, and discussed it.

The senate resolution was agreed to, then the Sanguilly resolution was displaced by the Indian appropriation bill without division.

Although the Indian appropriation bill was technically before the senate the debate on the Cuban question continued. Lodge said the pardon of Sanguilly did not end the matter; that there were many similar cases buried in the secrecy of the state department. Diplomacy had taken twenty-three months in the Sanguilly case while the senate in a single day had brought the pardon. Call presented a resolution calling for all information in the Ruiz case but it went over. Morgan replied to Hale and said he had threatened to filibuster on the Sanguilly resolution. Morgan spoke at some length on the Cuban question. Morgan refused to yield to an interruption by Hoar and Hale. He eulogized Consul General Lee as a man of courage and honor. He said the only information of Sanguilly's pardon came from the newspapers. Nothing has been received from the state department. He did not wonder that the president desired to conceal his policy from the American people.

Morgan is still speaking at 3 p. m., on the long search for and indignities against Sanguilly.

The House.

Washington, Feb. 26.—The house committee on commerce decided to report favorably the bill prohibiting the transportation of pictures or descriptions of prize fights by mail or by interestate commerce fixing the maximum penalty at ten years' imprisonment for violation. This applies also to transmission by telegraph but is not intended to prevent the announcement of the results of the fights.

The committee on elections decided to recommend that the question of investigation of the South Carolina elections be deferred until after the opening of the next congress.

Washington, Feb. 26.—The full text of the treaty for the determination of the Alaskan boundary, signed Jan. 30, last between Great Britain and the United States was made public today. Aside from the rules to govern the commission in determining the location of the 141st Meridian and other matters connection with the performance of its duties it contains nothing new not already sent in these despatches.

Stone, of Pennsylvania, moved to pass under the suspension of the rules the senate bill for the international monetary conference.

Quigg of New York, denounced the bill and declared the battle in the last campaign was for the gold standard.

Hepburn, of Iowa, repudiated Quigg's position in a fierce speech.

Johnson of Indiana, appealed to the Republicans to have the courage of their convictions and vote down the proposition

Dingley and Grosvenor closed the debate with speeches in favor of the measure.

The international bimetallic conference bill was passed by an overwhelming majority, only three voting against it on the first roll call.

SALISBURY'S STATEMENT.

Autonomy Agreement Officially Made Known to the Lords.

London, Feb. 26.—In the house of lords yesterday the Marquis of Salisbury, replying to a question from Lord Dunraven, said that, as the best means of placing the house in possession of facts as regards Crete, he would read a telegram sent Wednesday evening to the British embassadors to the courts of the great powers. It was:

"Inform the government to which you are accredited that her majesty's government purpose to make the following declaration of policy which they intend to pursue, and which they believe is in accordance with the views of their allies:

"1. The establishment of an administrative autonomy in Crete as a necessary condition for the termination of the international occupation.

"2. That, subject to the above conditions, Crete out, in their judgment, to remain a portion of the Turkish empire.

"3. The Turks and Greeks should be informed by the powers of this resolution.

"4. If Turkey or Greece should, when required, persistently refuse to withdraw their military and naval forces from the island, the powers should impose their decision by force upon the state so refusing."

The premier called special attention to the words "when required," adding that it did not follow, in the case of Turkey, that her troops should be withdrawn immediately. On the other hand, he explained, the withdrawal of the Turkish troops was a necessary condition of autonomy. Therefore they would have to be withdrawn, except so far as they had been kept in the case of the island of Servia, simply as an indication of sovereignty for all effective purposes, and in respect of all influences upon the government and daily life of the inhabitants. The Turkish troops would evidently have to be withdrawn when autonomy was established.

The Greek troops, the premier imagined, would be required by the powers to withdraw at an earlier date. He believed this was the course the powers desired to pursue, but he could not go further into detail, believing that this was all that could properly be said at this time in view of the powers acting in concert.

Continuing the Marquis of Salisbury remarked:

"Of course, the proposals which her majesty's government have ventured to present were recognized by the other powers as those animating their policy, and it is impossible for the present state of things in Crete to indefinitely continue."

In the house of commons the parliamentary secretary for the foreign office, Mr. George N. Curzon, replying to Mr. Thomas Gibson Bowles, conservative member for Lynn Regis, said that the correspondence between the powers growing out of the treaty of Washington and anent the warlike expeditions fitting out in the ports of a neutral country came to nothing, and was therefore binding only upon the United States and Great Britain.

NEW JUDICIAL DISTRICT.

Sangamon County May, Possibly, be Associated With McLean.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 26.—The pulse of the people of McLean county is to be felt with reference to their views on the possible establishment of a judicial district composed of the three counties of McLean, Sangamon and Logan. It is said these three counties have a population sufficient to constitute a district, and the argument will be made that with such a district each county would furnish one of the three judges of the district and that there need never be any differences on that score, differences which would inevitably arise, if the district were to be composed of a greater number of counties. The fact that all three counties are on the Alton and in direct communication with each other will also be called to mind in advocating such a district. McLean has not been associated with Sangamon county since 1870, when Senator Shelby M. Cullom represented them both in congress. Since that time, and long before, McLean county has been invariably Republican by pronounced majorities, and for a considerable time Sangamon was Democratic, but the latter county is looked upon as safely Republican in the future. In the Democratic land slide of 1892 the three counties mentioned gave a Democratic plurality of over 100, figures which were unprecedented. In 1894 and 1896 they gave a Republican plurality three times as large. The feeling of Sangamon county Republicans is that there need be no fear that a district composed of McLean, Logan and Sangamon would be Democratic.

Chicago Bicycle Race.

Chicago, Feb. 26.—At 12:30 the bicycle score was: Schinneer, 1489; Miller, 1388; Ashinger, 1362; Lawson, 1354; Hansen, 1294; Stewart, 1218; Hannan, 1168; Bradiss, 1096; Smith, 1031.

At 2 o'clock the bicycle score was: Schinneer, 1426; Miller, 1406; Ashinger, 1334; Lawson, 1376; Hansen, 1244; Stewart, 1226; Hannant, 1189.

DIED POOR.

Duestrow, the Much Talked of Criminal Once Wealthy, but was in Debt When Executed.

WAS NEVER A MILLIONAIRE.

But Had Plenty Had He Not Been a Rake — His Sister's Income $23,000 a Year—Examining His Brain.

St. Louis, Feb. 26.—So much that was misleading has been printed concerning the Duestrow fortune that the truth will be read with interest. Arthur Duestrow was not a millionaire murderer. His father was never worth a million. The provisions of old man Duestrow's will show that there are now in the possession of the St. Louis Union Trust company 500 4 per cent interest-bearing United States coupon bonds, of the $1000 denomination, running twenty years from the date of their issue. This makes up the "reserve" fund of the estate, which the will says must always be maintained at $500,000. The will also provides for a "residuary" fund, which was intended to be kept up by the income from the Hope and Granite mountain mining stocks, realty and personal property. The document shows that this "residuary" estate in Louis Duestrow's lifetime realized an income of $15,000. This made the total income at that time $35,000, which was equally divided between Mrs. Duestrow, Miss Hulda and Arthur, and gave the estate a valuation of not to exceed $750,000. The will also provided that should both of the children die without issue, the Union Trust company, as trustee, should distribute the entire fortune, principal and all, among what St. Louis charitable institutions it might select, and in what manner it deemed advisable.

When Arthur Duestrow committed the crime for which he was hanged he was enjoying one-half of the income from the government bonds, which was $10,000, and about $1500 from the "residuary" fund, his sister receiving a similar income. This made a total annual benefit from the estate of $23,000, the decrease of the value of stocks and other property in the "residuary" estate causing the shrinkage in the income. Thus it can be seen that at this time Duestrow had only a beneficiary interest in an estate worth only a little more than $250,000, instead of being the millionaire that he was reputed to be. During the three years that his case was in the courts the "emergency" fund of $10,000 provided for in the will was not only exhausted, together with his income, but the murderer contracted debts aggregating $25,000.

Mr. Seddon, of the law firm of Seddon & Blair, which has the handling of the legal affairs of the Duestrow case, told a reporter yesterday that when Arthur Duestrow was hanged there was to his credit at the office of the Union Trust company only $5000, and that was tied up by garnishments and judgments. In fact, Duestrow died $20,000 in debt, not figuring the claim of about $12,000 against him by Governor Charles P. Johnson, and other attorney claims. The debts in excess of those which are covered by the $5000 are worthless. Speaking of the present condition of the Duestrow estate, and the income which Miss Hulda gets from it, Mr. Seddon said:

"The young lady now draws the income from the bonds which is $20,000. The Granite Mountain stocks are now practically worthless, and the Hope stock is only a little better. The 'residuary' estate has depreciated until it is not worth more than $500 a year, exclusive of the income from real estate, which is of small consequence. Miss Duestrow's income does not exceed $23,000 a year, and when taxes on property are paid and other necessary liabilities of the estate are provided for that income certainly does not exceed $20,000 a year. Louis Duestrow never was a millionaire in his most prosperous days. Arthur Duestrow could never lay claim to any more wealth than his income from about $300,000. At the time he was hanged he was penniless and greatly in debt."

Arrangements for the microscopic examination of Duestrow's brain will not be made before some day next week, when, it is thought, the brain matter will have been sufficiently hardened for the test. It is now undergoing the process of solidifying at the Missouri Medical college, and Dr Henry A. L. Rohlfing has personal charge of it. He will personally superintend the examination, but he has not yet determined who will assist in the work. Many days will be consumed in making a microscopic investigation. Dr. Rohlfing is not yet ready to detail the technical features of the examination, and will not do so before he has discussed them with the alienists yet to be chosen to assist him. He does say, however, that the investigation will be for the benefit of all scientists and laymen who may be interested in it.

SUDDEN ASSAULT IN MANNILLI.

Reported that Two Hundred Insurgents Were Killed.

Madrid, Feb. 26.—Manilla advices say that bands of Tagals and natives for the purpose of preventing the troops attacking Cavite, attacked the barracks revenue officers and gendarms and murdered one military officer and four Spaniards in the streets. Troops restored order, killing 200 insurgents and arresting many more.

VENEZUELAN TREATY.

President Crespo Submits a Message Recommending Prompt Ratification.

New York, Feb. 26.—The Herald's Caracas, Peninsula, says the message of President Crespo on the boundary line treaty negotiated by the United States with England has been read to the Venezuelan congress. The message is in favor of the treaty in all points, and asks congress to give first consideration to Protocal.

A Curious Duck.

For a week or more hunters and sportsmen of the city have been talking of a peculiar wild duck which had been captured near this city. It was stated that the duck had very peculiar plumage and that no one was able to tell what breed it belonged to. The duck was said to be at Johnson & Rupert's store and every one who had seen the duck seemed especially anxious that their friends should see it also, and if possible tell what kind it was. Many went to the store confident that they would be able to tell all about the bird but when they asked to see the curiosity they were shown a duck whittled out of wood and smeared with blue paint. The joke was started to amuse the hunters but everyone who was sold on the fake felt so ashamed of themselves that they simply waited till they could induce some one else to go see the duck. The number of persons who have called during the past few days to see the duck was ridiculously large. The beauty of the joke was that no one gave it away and the originators have had great amusement from it.

Illinois Legislature.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 26.—In the house this morning a call of the house disclosed less than a quorum, but no objection being made a number of bills were advanced and a resolution was adopted that no bills should be introduced after March 19. The house then adjourned till Monday. The indications are that no business will be transacted in either house next week.

Senate.

The senate was in session only five minutes. Among the bills introduced was one by Kingsbury, appropriating $421,000 for the maintainance and improvements on the buildings of the soldiers and sailors home at Quincy. Adjourned till Monday.

Secretary Herbert Will Open Law Office.

Washington, Feb 26.—One member of President Cleveland's cabinet will engage in the practice of his profession in Washington after his term of office expires. Secretary Herbert announced today that he would open a law office here at an early day and resume the profession which he abandoned many years ago to serve his state and later his country. The secretary has been in public life twenty years; sixteen years as member of the house of representatives, and four years in the cabinet and enjoys a wide public acquaintance. His practice will be before the congressional committee departments and the local courts

Plenty of Good Ice.

D. A. Mafflit, who some days ago ordered 1000 tons of ice from Madison, Wis., will begin receiving the shipment tomorrow. He will store it away in the South Main street house. Mr. Mefflt will have over 6,000 tons of ice for his trade, and will supply the people promptly as usual. All of the ice is of the very best quality.

Unchanged.

Louis White, who came down from Chicago last night and returned today, while here stated Mr. Crea's condition is practically unchanged. If anything he was a little better yesterday.

Dairymen Adjourn.

DeKalb, Ill., Feb. 26.—The state dairymans' association adjourned this afternoon after listening to a number of papers.

Sanguilly Released.

Washington, Feb. 26.—Olney this afternoon received a cable from Consul General Lee saying Sanguilly is released.

Mark Hanna Leaves for Washington.

Cleveland, Feb. 26.—Mark Hanna left this afternoon for Washington with his family.

Paralysis is affecting a number of horses east of Danville and a number of valuable animals have been shot, as the disease is apparently incurable.

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A SENATE SEAT THE STAKE.

"POKER has often been called the national game of America," said the gray-haired, middle-aged man in the club smoking-room, "but I fancy there are few citizens who fully appreciate how much influence it has exerted on the destinies of the nation in one way and another. We hear stories now and again of the winning and losing of fortunes, and sometimes how large estates and mining properties have been staked on the chances lying between two hands. And every lobbyist in the country is familiar with the old device of losing large sums in a friendly game with a legislator whose vote is desired on one side or the other. Such things, naturally enough, sway public interests as well as private to no small extent, but I have seen a seat in the United States senate lost on four queens."

"Of course, you are not talking seriously," said one of the party.

"But I am," was the answer, "seriously and literally. It happened in Minnesota soon after the war. Political conditions in that part of the west were very different to what they are now, and in fact all other conditions were, too. It was at about the beginning of the real growth of the northwest. The value of the wheat fields had been learned, but the Swedish and Norwegian immigration was in its infancy, and the lumber industry, that afterward grew to such enormous proportions, was then making comparatively few men rich. Minneapolis was a small town on the south side of the river, and St. Anthony was a town of the same size on the other side. Now it's all one city, but then nobody dreamed of St. Paul being eclipsed in size or importance.

"I was knocking about late one summer at that period, and had made many friends around St. Paul and Minneapolis, some of whom were state officials, and I had heard much talk of the struggle there was to be in the next legislature over the election of a senator. Two men were in the race, and as they were both popular the contest was likely to be a close one. Party questions did not enter in, for the state was strongly republican, and no democrat stood a show. But which of the republicans would carry the legislature was a matter of great doubt, and I saw bets made on the issue as early as the first of September. As the time of election drew near, it was evident that the choice for senator was going to govern the nomination of candidates for the legislature, and as both the senatorial aspirants were long of head as well as long of purse they were using all the influence they had in the county conventions which were to be held early in October.

Right here was where the importance of the lumber industry came in. The money on which the lumbermen in the upper counties lived came to them mostly through Minneapolis and St. Anthony, and the perfectly legitimate business relations between them and the business men of those two cities naturally gave the latter much influence among the former. There was a rollicking, happy-go-lucky man in Minneapolis whom everybody called Doc Martin, for no reason that I could discover except that he wasn't a doctor. He was part owner of a sawmill, and spent the most of each winter in the woods with his men. He was credited with being as influential as anyone there was, among voters, but he had a rival in another man named Gilmartin, who was a logger himself, but had for a dozen seasons been foreman of one gang or another. Martin was a rich man, but Gilmartin was seldom flush, excepting in the spring, when he had drawn his winter's pay. These two men were known to be strong partisans, one favoring one of the would-be senators and the other the other, and it was generally thought that they would both go electioneering when the county conventions were held.

"The week before that would happen I was one of a party who drove from Minneapolis to a road house on the Fort Snelling road near the Minnehaha falls, partly for the enjoyment of the moonlight and partly for a game supper such as the house was famous for providing. Martin was one of the party, and as there were two or three other high rollers with us I had made up my mind that it would be daybreak before we would get back.

"I was right, but before the night was over we had more excitement than I had expected. We had had the supper and an abundance of good wines with it, and were sitting around the table enjoying some rarely good punch when somebody proposed poker. No one objected, and in a few minutes there were two games in progress, for there were 11 in the party. Six played at one table, and Martin and I and three others were at the other. The game was a fairly stiff one, ten dollars being the limit, and the cards ran well enough to build up some heavy pots. We had all indulged freely enough to give ourselves thoroughly to the enjoyment of the hour, though we had not been drinking heavily, and there wasn't a man there under the influence. Altogether it was a delightful occasion. Suddenly the door opened and Gilmartin looked in.

"'I don't want to "rough in," boys,' he said, 'but I stopped here to get supper on the way home, and the landlord told me you were here, so I thought I'd come in to take a drink with me.'

He was greeted heartily, for everybody knew and liked him, and a bumper of punch was poured out for him forthwith, his invitation being peremptorily laid on the table.

"'We're playing ten dollars limit, Gil,' said one of the party, who knew that money was not always plentiful with him, but he laughed carelessly, and said: 'That's all right,' as he pulled out $50 and bought chips.

"The game went on without any special development for perhaps half an hour before I noticed that Martin was playing against Gilmartin as heavily as he could, and only trying to hold his own against the rest of us. Gilmartin held his end up fairly, and was not far from even when Martin got his first good chance at him. It was a pretty play, too, for Gilmartin thought, as the rest of us did, that Martin was bluffing when he stood pat, and contented himself with coming in without a raise every time it came his bet, until the rest of us had dropped out. Then he raised Gilmartin the limit. Gilmartin had a jack-high flush and was confident, so they had it back and forth till Gilmartin called and gave up $400 to an ace flush.

"That was the heaviest pot for a long time, but presently the two got together again, and Gilmartin lost $200 more. Then he grew a little nervous, and Martin grew cooler. Then Gilmartin became angry, though he controlled himself tolerably well, and I was sure Martin would beat him. So it proved. It came my deal soon after in a jackpot, and Gilmartin opened it. We all came in, standing Martin's raise. I had aces, but didn't better in the draw, so I laid down after one raise. Martin drew three cards, as did each of the others, excepting Gilmartin, who drew two. He bet the limit, and the next man laid down. Martin raised it the limit, and another man and myself dropped out. Gilmartin raised and the fourth man threw down his cards. That left the two alone again, and Martin raised back.

"'Ten better than you,' said Gilmartin, savagely, and then with a short laugh he added: 'You won't get away with me this time.'

"'If you think so,' said Martin, quietly, 'what do you say to taking off the limit?'

"'That will suit me exactly,' said Gilmartin, and Martin pushed up his last blue chip and a $100 bill.

"'I'll see that and go you $500 better,' said Gilmartin, eagerly, and he skinned the bills off from a big roll that he drew from an inside pocket.

"'A thousand better,' was the response.

"Gilmartin hesitated. He looked at

"I RAISE YOU A THOUSAND," SAID MARTIN.

his cards and thought for a moment. Then he counted his money.

"'I'll have to call you,' he said, finally, 'for I've only got $1,200 left.'

"Martin's face was perfectly impassive. He, too, hesitated a moment, and then he spoke:

"'I'll put up $500 more, if you want to play for it,' he said.

"'But how can I? I tell you I haven't any more money,' said Gilmartin, looking puzzled.

"'If you will give me your promise to go as far south as St. Louis for 60 days, and tell nobody that you are going, I'll take that as an equivalent for the $5,000,' said Martin very slowly and distinctly.

"Gilmartin flushed. He knew that everybody in the room understood the proposition. He was asked to sell out his honor, for going away in that fashion meant betraying his employer and running away with his money, as well as leaving him in the lurch. I expected to hear an indignant outburst of invective and abuse, and indeed the man was about to speak when another thought seemed to strike him, and he grew deathly white. The gambling fever had seized him, and he looked at his cards again.

"While he was hesitating Martin spoke again, and the devilish coolness of his speech made me shudder.

"'I need not say anything to impress on the minds of all the gentlemen present that this is a private party,' he said, 'and that nothing which happens here can be told outside while it can by any possibility work injury to anyone concerned.'

"'I'll take the bet,' he said at length, and he spoke desperately. 'But God help you, Martin, if you win it. I don't believe you can, for I've got almost a sure hand.'

"'If you lose,' said Martin, 'you have no cause of quarrel with me. I am not forcing you to play. But if you mean enmity, all right. I'll gamble your friendship, too, along with the rest, if you like.'

"'So be it,' said Gilmartin. 'It's a call, then. If you lose you pay me $5,000. If I lose I leave.'

"'Correct,' said Martin, and the hands were shown.

Martin had drawn to kings and caught the other two. Gilmartin had drawn to three queens and drawn the other.

"His face as he left the room was such a picture as I hope never to see again, but he kept to his bargain. At least, I imagine he did, for he was not seen again in that part of the country while I was there. I never spoke to Martin again, but his friend was elected senator at the next session of the legislature by a majority of two votes. Both men are dead, or I would not have told the story."—N. Y. Sun.

At The Grand.

Wang Saturday Night.

"Wang," the merriest and most popular of all comic operas will be at the Grand Saturday night at regular prices. The cast is the same as last season, with Albert Hart in the lead. Norma Kopp will appear as the crown prince of Siam.

"The Heart of Chicago."

This is the newest melodrama to make a bid for popular favor, offers enough scenic inducements to make it worth while seeing. The plot itself is said to be of more than ordinary merit. The author is said to have been particularly fortunate in his comedy situations. Among the scenic features are a representation of the down town district of Chicago during the great fire, a night illumination in the court of honor at the World's Fair grounds, a new railroad scene unlike any before presented; the Masonic Temple Roof Garden at night, and a complete panoramic view of the business portion of the South Side at night, the streets being brilliantly lighted and the principal buildings and features accurately set forth. It comes to the Powers Grand next Monday evening March 1.

"ST. IVES."

The Latest of Stevenson's Masterpieces.

The world will have nothing more from the magic pen of the late Robert Louis Stevenson after the romantic novel of "St. Ives," which begins publication in the March number of McClure's Magazine. We know from Mr. Stevenson's letters to Sidney Colvin, already published, that he was engaged on this novel down almost to the moment of his sudden death, and that it interested him deeply. He had the good fortune to leave it substantially complete. The last two chapters, perhaps, were not fully written; but he left such a summary of them that the course and conclusion of the story are quite satisfactorily shown. Persons who have read the novel pronounce it unhesitatingly one of the most engaging of Stevenson's works. It is written in his most cheerful vein; it moves with a rapidity and thrill of incident unsurpassed; and it presents a succession of personages of the utmost variety, subtlety, and attractiveness. It is a love story, and the heroine is as irresistible as she who engaged the affections of Mr. David Balfour and of all who read the immortal record of his adventures. The right of a serial publication of "St. Ives" in America was purchased by McClure's Magazine of his executor very soon after Mr. Stevenson's death.

Cycle Chat.

A novel sight was witnessed in Cleveland, O., recently. A man appeared riding on Superior street dragging a big sled after him upon which was fastened a market basket. Stopping at a grocery store the ingenious cyclist did his marketing, filled his basket, remounted his wheel and proceeded homeward.

Much speculation is being indulged just now as to who will be the next chairman of the National Racing Board. The latest report has it that George Gideon of Philadelphia has refused a reappointment If this is true it is not unlikely that A. G. Batchelder will be offered the position. Mr. Batchelder is one of the best informed men in the League on all subjects relating to racing and his appointment would no doubt be popular.

Somebody with a fondness for figures shows the large increase in the bicycle business in the following paragraph: Prior to 1885, there were but six bicycle factories in this country. In that year there were 11,000 machines turned out. Five years later there were seventeen factories with an output of 40,000 wheels. In 1894 the factories increased rapidly, and 125,000 machines were turned out. A year later the production was 600,000 and the number of factories more than 500, none of which turned out less than 1000 wheels a year. The capital invested in these large factories is $90,000, and the estimate of the output for the present year is not less than 1,000,000 wheels, valued at $60,000,000.

The reformatory at Pontiac has put in an application to the legislature for $750,000, of which $226,000 is for ordinary expenses and the rest for a new cell-house, cows, farm implements, tools for the machine shop, etc., the whole amounting to the sum above named.

The saloon men of Pekin complain bitterly of hard times and a number of them say they will be obliged to close up their houses in consequence.

The Amos Cross residence on Greenwood avenue in Kankakee has just been sold to J. B. Moisarit for $5000. It was built last year and is one of the best residences in that city.

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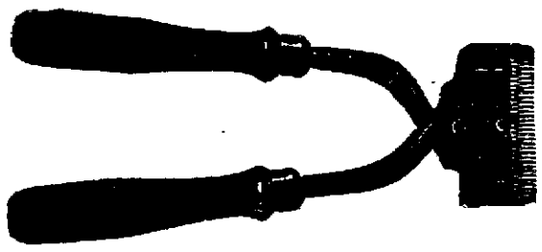

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LOCAL NEWS.

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Are you going to the Mardi Gras at New Orleans? The Wabash railroad offer special rates. Tickets now on sale.—22-6t

Take the Vandalia fast train to Peoria, two hours and fifty minutes. Leaves at 11:42 a. m.

The county board of supervisors will meet on March 9.

Golden Rod Lotion for chapped hands gives satisfaction. For sale at Opera House Drug store.

In Justice Hardy's court yesterday Jacob Haldaman, barkeeper for Albert Showers was fined $5 and costs for assaulting A. Sholtz. The aggravation was great, but the assault was proven and the fine was inevitable.

Rev. Hawkins' theme Sunday morning will be, "The Blackest Page in the History of the Nineteenth Century, or the Bombarding of the Christians in Crete by the Greater Powers of Europe."

J. M. Burwick, the railroad evangelist, working under the direction of the international Y. M. C. A., will speak for Rev. Hawkins Sunday night in the W. C. T. U. hall. Mr. Burwick is an ex-railroad conductor and an old acquaintance of Rev. Hawkins.

The Wabash railroad is offering a very low rate to Washington on account of the inauguration of President McKinley. Tickets on sale March 1, 2 and 3. Call at city office for particulars.

No such high-class and fashionable-bred horses were ever before offered at public sale in central Illinois as are to be sold on Monday, March 1, 1897, commencing at 1 o'clock, at the Montgomery Stock Farm. (No lunch served.) w1-d3t

Joseph Kretzer, arrested on a charge of getting money by false pretense in giving a chattel mortgage on property to which his title was not good. He was arrested by Constable Conard. In default of bail he was sent to jail last night by Justice Provost.

Webb C. Foster wishes to inform his friends that he has opened a meat market at 1075 North Water street where he will have on hand the best cuts of beef, veal, pork and mutton, etc., and a fresh and full line of all goods in his line.—25-d6

It is said that there are nearly 200 applications for the chaplaincy of the two Illinois penitentiaries, each backed by any number of "good men and true." It might be well to apply the civil service rules to this office and have applicants preach trial sermons before a board.

Prestoria Wilkes (2:12¾) will be the first horse sold at the closing out sale of the Montgomery Stock Farm, which will commence at 1 o'clock Monday, March 1, 1897, and each animal will be sold in the order that they appear in the catalogue. Twelve months' time on all sales over $25. w1-d3t

In Justice Shorb's court last evening in the case of Daniel Willard and wife against Mrs. Anna Konkler, to recover a silk dress retained by Mrs. K. until a board bill for $10 is paid, judgment was given for the defendant, whose counsel was J. T. Whitley. Attorney S. A. D. Gray appeared for the plaintiff.

No better soft coal in this market than Lincoln or Riverton. Lincoln is the hardest of any coal within 100 miles of Decatur and the harder the coal the longer it will burn. Hard coal all sizes, always in stock at market price. Up town office, Irwin's drug store, office and yard 800 North Broadway, old phone 483, new phone 435. M. F. Metz.—21-dtf

Six residents of Harristown township were arrested on bench warrants yesterday and all who could gave bond. Samuel Ewing paid a fine of $10 and costs; John Garrett, William Mastern and Luther Miller gave bond to the amount of $400 for their appearance, and Lewis Mulkins and William Ryan remained in the custody of the sheriff.

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THE NEW PASTOR.

Rev. Marion Stevenson and the Board of Elders and Deacons in Place.

The installation of Rev. Marion Stevenson as pastor of the Edward street Christian church yesterday afternoon was an event in the history of the society of more than ordinary importance. Brief mention of the ceremony of installation was made in the Republican last evening. At the hour the exercises began the church was filled. Rev. S. A. Ennefer of Niantic, who had been a classmate of Rev. Stevenson, presided and Rev. E. B. Randle, presiding elder of the Methodist church, Decatur district, read a scriptural selection. "Cornation" was sung by the congregation, followed by the hymn, "King Jesus Reigns." Prayer was offered by Rev. A. W. Hawkins, of the Cumberland Presbyterian church. Mrs. F. P. Howard, Miss Howard, Elmer C. Wood and W. M. Bridges, of Bement, gave an anthem.

The Address.

The installation address was delivered by Rev. A. P. Cobb of Christ church, Springfield. He read the fourth chapter of Ephesians and took his text from Phillippians, iv., 13: "I can do all things through Christ which strengthened me."

"Tender memories come back to me as I look into your faces this afternoon," said Rev. Cobb. "Some of you remember the old brick church which stood where this one formerly was located Some of you remember the services we held in the church when it was new. It is a sacred place we look back over the years and remember the ones who prayed here and communed here and think of those who have fallen asleep in Jesus here. Thirty years ago I came here from my eastern home and I have ever since loved and remembered this congregation.

"I shall speak on principles today and not rules. A rule applies to special cases while a principle is like the flaming sword in paradise. Paul was full of emotion as he spoke of the church of the Phillipians and I know no better theme than his words, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. * * * It is God's purpose to reconstruct us through grace that we may work any place. It is a consoling thought that there is a mission for the violet and the wren as well as for the rose and the eagle. God's purpose with us is not to be decided by conspicuous, but by faithful service. There will be mistakes made here and they will not all be made by the congregation and they will not all be made by the pastor. There should be a mutual spirit of forbearance and each one of you should bear your burden. No relation on earth is so sacred as that of pastor and congregation unless it is that of husband and wife and parent and child. No man is so easily injured as your pastor. Bear in mind Paul's idea. This man's former work shows what he will do here. Sustain him, he is your servant and you are his—servants of Christ. You are here for Jesus' sake. In all his relations you can help your minister and there is no stronger power in a community than a united pastor and congregation."

Miss Howard gave a vocal solo, when Rev. W. C. Miller of the Congregational church, offered prayer.

Brief addresses of welcome and encouragement were made by Rev. D. F. Howe of the First M. E. church, Rev. J. Bernard of the Church of God, Rev. A. W. Hawkins of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, Rev. W. H. Penhallegon of the First Presbyterian church, Rev. John C. Rapp of the German Methodist church, Rev. M. B. Spayd of the United Brethren church, Rev. W. C. Miller of the First Congregational church, Rev. Archie Ward of the African Baptist church, Rev. J. T. Pearman of the Antioch Baptist church, Rev. J. A. F. King, presiding elder of Decatur district, United Brethren church. Elder E. B. Randle, Rev. S. A. Ennefer of the Harristown Christian church, and N. W. Woodford, secretary of the Decatur Y. M. C. A.

The Response.

In response to the cordial greetings while accepting the duties of pastor, Rev. Mr. Stevenson said in part:

"I am here not from my own seeking, but because God's hand has led me. I left Canton not intending to become the pastor of any church for a long time. A few weeks before I came here my work completely closed and then I heard from a friend in Colorado who wanted me to take charge of a little church out there. I answered his letter, but to my surprise he replied that things were changed and I was not needed. I waited to see what the Lord wanted me to do. In a few days I heard from this church. I said, I am going to Decatur, and I am here. Brother Penhallegon made a pleasant allusion to sawing wood and saying nothing. That is my policy. If you do not hear much of me you can know I am sawing wood. I shall preach the word. I am touched by the hearty welcome you have given me and hope our love for each other may grow. No man ever had a sweeter feeling for his brothers than did Thomas Campbell, in good fellowship with you it will be contrary to my past history. I feel the compliment extended me and my people today and utter the wish that God's hand shall be on each one of us."

The long metre doxology was then sung and Rev. M. B. Spayd closed the afternoon service with a benediction.

Elders and Deacons.

At the evening service the ordination of the elders and deacons took place. The elders are L. B C. Leffingwell, Frank P. Howard and A. F. Ross; deacons, George W. Jones, William Williams, Edward Marsh, E. R. Culver, and Henry Koons. The Baptist choir sang an anthem and a scripture selection was read by Rev. Mr. Ennefer. Rev. Mr. Bundy offered prayer. Rev. A. P. Cobb and Rev. Mr. Ennefer gave addresses pertaining to the duties of the officers of the church, followed by the formal ordination.

The congregation at the evening service was large and the exercises throughout were deeply impressive.

THE FIRE LAST NIGHT.

The Damage to the Stock of Goods in the Ottenheimer Store Will Amount to About $5000.

About 11:30 o'clock last night there was a fire in the store of Ottenheimer & Co. in the Masonic Temple on North Water street. Officer Stober discovered the fire in making his rounds and turned in the alarm. The firemen broke in the side door and found the flames breaking through the ceiling in the back part of the store. The fire had started in the office of Attorney R. E. Gray, on the second floor of the building. It is not known just how it was caused but as the firemen found a pipe on Mr. Gray's desk it is thought that sparks fell from it and set fire to the floor. The furniture in Gray's office was slightly damaged.

A. Kaufman, the manager of the Ottenheimer store, says that the damage to their stock of goods will amount to about $5000. The loss may be more when a closer examination is made. The damage was caused mostly by the water and chemical which was thrown by the firemen. The fire was a hard one to fight and if it had not been discovered just when it was the whole building might have been destroyed. The ceiling in the store is covered with iron but when the firemen first entered the store the iron was red hot and the flames had come through the double flooring. The damage to the building will amount to probably several hundred dollars. The suits of clothes which were piled on tables in the back part of the store were ruined with the water and chemicals. Both the building and the stock of goods is fully covered by insurance. The store was closed this morning but as soon as the place can be cleaned up it will be open.

BASKET BALL.

Game Last Night was Attended by Several Hundred People—Springfield Beat Decatur.

The basket ball game played last night by the Decatur and Springfield Y. M. C. A. teams at the tabernacle was attended by about 200 persons. It was the first time the game was ever played in public in Decatur but the spectators of last night's game seemed to enjoy it. The Springfield team won, the score being 9 to 6 in their favor. The Decatur boys, especially White and Williams, did splendid playing but they were weak in throwing to goal and this lost them the game. At the close of the first half of twenty minutes the score was Springfield 5, Decatur, 4. In the second half Decatur succeeded in getting another goal, making their score six, and Springfield got two more, making them 9. The plays made by the teams were cheered by the spectators who became greatly excited over the game. The players in the game were as follows:

Decatur—Williams, center; Walmsley, right forward; White, left forward; Rhoads, right guard, Johnson, left guard.

Springfield—McGurren, center; Dittrick, right forward; White, left forward; Didlake, right guard; James, left guard.

Substitutes—Decatur, Spies and Barr; Springfield, Foster and Johnson; referee, C. H. Hoke; timer, Ed Willis; scorer, James Stafford; umpires, Higgins and Neal.

The Needlework Guild.

The Decatur branch of the Needlework Guild of America feels proud of its first report just sent to the general secretary at Philadelphia. The twelve charter members received 381 new articles of clothing and $1958 cash. The distribution of articles was as follows: Private cases, 220; charity store, 57; Dorcas society, 50, charity organization, 54. The annual meeting will be held next October and all members are requested to send in their two new articles before that time. Anyone, man or woman, or child, may become a member of the guild by sending his name and two new articles to one of the charter members. There are now 156 members. The following is a list of the officers of the guild:

President—Miss Grace Shellabarger.

Vice President—Miss Marie Buckingham.

Secretary—Mrs. Lewis Eyman.

Treasurer—Miss Lillian Cree.

Directors—Mrs. Arthur C. Race, Mrs. John Stauffer, Mrs. Charles Powers, Mrs. Fred Stoner, Miss Anna Roberts, Miss Lena Ullrich, Miss Jessie Montgomery and Miss Gertrude Tyler.

With Hymn Writers.

There will be a change in the services at the Baptist church on Sunday evening. The service will be called an evening with the hymn writers and promises to be very interesting. Rev. MacGregor will deliver a few facts concerning some of the known hymns and after those little sketches the choir will sing the hymn.

Appointed.

R. B. F. Pierce, receiver of the Toledo, St Louis and Kansas City, has appointed C. B. McVay purchasing agent of that road. Mr. McVay for some years was purchasing agent, cashier and paymaster of the Indiana, Decatur and Western.

A SUGGESTION.

Educate the People to Recognize Standard Butter at Future Macon County Institutes.

Eds. Republican: No other feature of the institute should prove of more interest to the public in general than the exhibit of home-made butter. Considering that consumers as well as producers are apparently equally deficient in the knowledge of the standard quality of butter, as there are 100 points divided when properly scored by an expert, leaving 45 points for flavor, 30 for grain, color 15 and salting 10, consequently an expert should be hired, who by marking the score-cards on each exhibit will give the people the opportunity to recognize the real faults which the producer in future may by the proper methods overcome. Otherwise no benefits will really be derived by the exhibit, for exhibitors, knowing no faults according to their individual ideas of the perfect article, will continue to bring in butter in all the various shades in white and yellow with equally as many flavors, each trusting to the luck of a set of judges whose taste and eye will coincide with their individual judgment of the "best there." Such a method is not only misleading, but a veritable game of "blind man's buff."

Further, the committee should have show cases hired for the protection of this exhibit, as it is not appetizing to see butter exposed to the flying particles and impure atmosphere of crowded corridors, nor is it justice to the consumer whose table it is soon to grace. And speaking of justice, reminds me that another extension of time is to be granted in which articles for exhibit are to be delivered; that a small refrigerator for the first lots of butter would be more apt to save the grain texture from being injured by the warm air while awaiting the latest arrivals, which could easily be at least twenty-four hours fresher and firmer. And as the butter is presented the committee anyway, why not offer two sets of premiums—one for a specified quantity (no more or less than requested) in specified rolls, or prints, and then for a design containing a specified amount, which particularly needs limiting, for the reason that its use is strictly ornamental and when once mutilated cannot again serve its original purpose as an ornament satisfactorily. Or, perhaps, some individual would offer a special for an ornamental design which should be scored also for quality, if the institute could not afford it.

Surely, the people need more education in dairy results than corn raising.

Mrs. Frank Montgomery.

COSTS MORE THAN COFFEE.

The New Beverage is Expensive in Some Families.

A gentleman while making the morning purchases in the family grocery, said they found Postum, the health coffee, rather expensive at his house. "We drink more of it than we used to of coffee, because the children all drink it, and there are four of them, and wife and myself, that makes six using Postum, while formerly I was the only one who drank coffee; wife used it now an then, but it didn't agree with her.

"Send up two packages of the Battle Creek, Mich., Postum Cereal Food Coffee. We find it is food and nourishment, and for the same money we get three cups of Postum to one of coffee. The way my family drink it, however, it costs us more than coffee, but we all feel well, and that is something.

"The old liver trouble I used to have is gone, I suppose because I have quit using the article that caused the trouble. I don't believe much in drugs, for if nature is given a fair show, it will make most any-one well."

Dr. J. B. S. King, Professor Chemistry and Toxicology, 240 Wabash Ave., Chicago, says: "Will be glad to adopt Postum for my children as a daily beverage."

Wily grocers sometimes work in cheap imitations of Postum Cereal Food Coffee if the customer will stand it.

Treat for Miss Pratt's Class.

Miss Abbie Pratt entertained the members of her Sunday school class of the Congregational church and their mothers at her home on West Prairie street yesterday afternoon. The hours were from 3 to 5:30 and about twenty-five were present. The afternoon was pleasantly spent playing games and at 5 o'clock refreshments were served to the young people.

The members of the class present were Edna Van Buskirk, Lillie Moore, Berniece Somerville, Ina Forester, Georgia Nixon, Leona Blenz, Marguerite Ricketts, Lena Entler, Worl May Aurge, Lucile Slater, Hazel Cooper, Pauline Moore, Ruth Lewman, Florence Pearce, Samuel Morthland, Earle Dawson, Harry Frantz, Georgie Munsie, Joe Osborn, Willie Berkeley, Clyde Lyon, Charles McGorray, Mildred Lyon, Ross Large, Ruth Large.

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1897.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES.

Chicago, Feb. 26.—Generally fair tonight and Saturday; much colder tonight with cold wave; fresh northwest winds.

Will Be Investigated.

Springfield Journal: As the Democratic members of the house refused to vote for the bill to authorize the state officers to borrow $250,000 to partially meet the deficits created under the late Democratic administration, the Republican members of the house propose to do some investigating and find out what became of the money handled by the Altgeld administration and how the existing deficiencies were brought about. A resolution has been adopted by the Republican caucus providing for the appointment of a committee to map out a program for the proposed investigation and to prepare the necessary resolutions, which will be adopted by the house in due season when they are presented to that body.

There is plenty of work for these investigating committees to perform when they are appointed. Although the appropriations made for the support of the various departments of the state government and for the maintenance of penal, charitable and educational institutions were sufficient to provide for their ordinary expenses until July 1 next, in a number of instances these appropriations were used up by the late administration before it went out of office and it is necessary for the present legislature to make new appropriations to supply these deficiencies and to meet the running expenses for the remainder of the current quartet. While Governor Tanner has been proceeding slowly and carefully making changes, each of the few new boards he has appointed has made the same sort of discoveries in entering upon its duties. They have found that their Democratic predecessors were extravagant and reckless in their expenditures and regarded their offices as personal and private "snaps" rather than as public trusts. Those Democratic officials were unable to turn over to their successors anything like the amounts of money they received from the preceding Republican adminstration four years ago, nor were they able to show any substantial improvements to account for the difference. In fact, the condition of the trusts committed to them has been found in each instance to be conspicuously worse than when they received them into their keeping. Democratic administration appears to have blighted everything it touched in Illinois, as it did in the nation and in other states, and it is proper that the Republican legislature should take whatever measures may be necessary to ascertain the full extent of the damage done by the Altgeld administration, to figure up and give to the public the exact cost to the taxpayers of its wastefulness, and to place the responsibility where it belongs.

The Shermans.

When the first Cuban resolution was under consideration in the senate Senator John Sherman took strong grounds against Spain's course in Cuba and arraigned that monarchy in hot words for its atrocities in Cuba. Spain's reply to Sherman was to arraign him as a butcher while commanding the federal army of the south during the rebellion, mistaking him for W. T. Sherman. That same John Sherman will in a few days become the American premier and Spain will discover that it has a Sherman to deal with. There have been no Shermans who were poltroons or who would bow down to monarchy where the rights of American citizens were involved This reminds us of an incident in the civil war. An Englishman during an active campaign had been forcing himself upon Sherman's headquarters. He was obnoxious to Sherman on account of his course in trying to discover the secrets of the campaign and one morning Sherman ordered him out of his lines. The Englishman undertook, in a personal interview, to protest against the order arguing that he was representing a friendly nation. Being, at the time, on a part of the field occupied the day before by the enemy in an engagement Sherman directed one of his aids to dismount and pick up a cartridge from the ground. Sherman took it between his fingers so as to expose to view the word "London" on the paper which confined the powder and presenting it to the Englishman said: "Does that look as if you were representing a friendly nation? If you are found, after one hour, inside of my lines I will hang you," and rode off. It is unnecessary to say the Englishman skipped out, and the campaign went on. Cleveland or Olney in such a crisis judged by their conduct as to Spain, would probably, have stopped hostilities and opened communication with Great Britain as to the right of the fellow to interfere with the affairs relating to the advance of the army. The Shermans are all right and Spain will hear from John Sherman.

It is suggested by some Democratic papers that the Republicans could make a ten strike by keeping Consul General Lee at his post in Havana. It appears that Lee's course has been that of a patriotic citizen of a great nation and he will no doubt, if he so desires, be retained at his post for some time to come, but the Republican party can even make a ten strike if President McKinley should appoint a Republican to succeed him. No Republican appointed to Havana will ever think of disgracing his country by representing Spain instead of the country which sent him and pays him his salary. Republicans stand for America against the world and oppose giving any nation on earth any advantage over this nation either in trade or otherwise. They believe also, in maintaining the dignity of the government at any cost.

American citizens in Havana are talking of appealing to Great Britain for protection inasmuch as they cannot depend upon the Cleveland administration for it. Could a nation be more humiliated than to have such a condition prevail as the result of elevating one to the presidency who absolutely lacks any sort of respect for the rights of American citizens when these rights are encroached upon by any sort of a monarchy no matter how pusillanimous that monarchy may be. Matters have assumed such a disgraceful condition under Cleveland that nothing short of a display of United States naval power in the harbor at Havana will wipe out the disgrace.

The debate in the senate Thursday on the Cuban question served to develop again the tremendous sentiment among Americans against Spain and the utter contempt the people have for Cleveland's Cuban policy, and indicates that he and Olney will retire from office despised by every lover of his country.

Weyler has asked Spain for more troops. If the incoming administration does its duty and keeps up the record of the Republican party for a vigorous foreign policy, which we believe it will, Weyler will probably need more troops and better coast defenses.

If Senators Kyle and Jones of Nevada, vote with the Republicans on the tariff question as it is thought they will, the chances are that the new bill will pass the senate without the aid of the vice president's vote which would be necessary in case of a tie.

Gold has been going to the treasury in a continuous stream since the people at the election in November decided that our paper and silver money shall remain as good as gold and not be cut in two in the middle in the pockets of the holder.

The Grecian question bids fair to result in voting out the Salisbury government in the near future.

A Valuable Prescription.

Editor Morrison, of Worthington, Ind., *Sun* writes: "You have a valuable prescription in Electric Bitters, and I can cheerfully recommend it for constipation and Sick Headache, and as a general system tonic it has no equal." Mrs. Anna Stehle, 2625 Cottage Grove Ave., Chicago, was all run down, could not eat nor digest food, had a backache which never left her and felt tired and weary, but six bottles of Electric Bitters restored her health and strength. Price 50 cents and $1.00. Get a bottle at West's drug store

REDUCED PRICES FOR 30 DAYS.

Ladies' and Children's Dresses, Cloaks, Wrappers and Capes dyed and dry cleaned. No ripping apart. Lace and chenile and portiers dry cleaned at reduced prices for February, by the leading practical dyers and dry cleaners of Decatur. H. H. Miller & Bro., 145 North Main street.

Orsena.

Mrs. J. Brown and sons, Ruby, Jim and Donald, are guests of Mrs. A. B. Kuhns.

Miss Emma Petzer is visiting in Decatur.

L. A. Bower of Decatur, spent Sunday with relatives here.

Frank Stewart and wife of Forsyth, visited with relatives here Sunday.

C. E. Cooley and F Wren of Hammond, spent Sunday with friends here.

Miss Lucy Peabody of Blue Mound, has been the guests of Misses Emma and Belle Malone this week.

Mrs. Lee Hill has returned from a visit in Missouri.

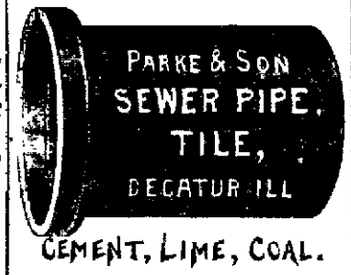
Mrs W. A. Dixon of Decatur, is visiting R. Kirby and family.

The protracted meeting is still in progress at the Baptist church.

Marriage Licenses.

Eli Ashba, Oakley, 60.
Ella Phillips, Oakley, 23.

Thad B. Woodland, cashier of the Prairie State Bank of Chicago, and Miss Lillian Patyt were married at the home of the bride in Kankakee. Their wedding trip took them to New Orleans.



CEMENT, LIME, COAL.

Legal Precocity.

A farmer's son up in the country conceived a desire to shine as a member of the legal profession and undertook a clerkship in the office of the village pettifogger at nothing a week. At the end of the first day's study the young man returned home.

"Well, Tobe, how d'yer like the law?" was the first paternal inquiry.

"Tain't what it's cracked up to be," replied Tobe. "Sorry I learnt it."—Harlem Life.

It Wasn't Possible.

"Do you think he would deliberately libel me?" asked the politician.

"My dear sir," answered the prominent citizen who knew something of the politician's record, "it isn't a question of what he would do, but of what he could do, and—"

"Well?"

"You're perfectly safe." — Chicago Post.

Made to Order.

To find a girl with golden hair
Who's chic and likewise charming,
Is not a task that anywhere
Should prove to be alarming.
Take any sweet young thing in frocks,
Who's near perfection's border—
And there you are—the golden locks
Can be supplied to order.
—Pick-Me-Up.

A RASH ASSERTION.

Very Ardent Lover—Jim, I love that gal so much that I'd marry her even if her mother-in-law wuz twins!—N. Y. Truth.

Not After Flats.

"Where are you going, my pretty maid?"
"I'm going house hunting, sir," she said.
"May I go with you, my pretty maid?"
"I'm not looking for flats, kind sir," she said.
—N. Y. Journal.

Age Changes All Things.

Wife—Now you must stay home with me to-night and let your club go for once.

Husband—Oh, I am not going to the club; thought I would go down to see your friend, Mr. Goodjudge, who asked me once if you were my daughter.

Wife—All right, dear, give him my love.—Up-to-Date.

A Warning.

"I think, Sambo," said Swellton, addressing his colored valet, and glancing at his box of cigars, "I think you'd better swear off."

"Swear off wh-wh-what, sah?"

"Smoking, Sambo; smoking. If you don't you'll get the tobacco heart or the marble heart, sure!"—N. Y. World.

Strange Enough.

Mrs. Tamblin (tearfully) — They brought my husband home in a hack from the banquet last night. How did yours get home?

Mrs. Sanderson—I don't know, but I suspect that he was carried along by his breath.—Cleveland Leader.

Diplomacy.

"I want to see the lady of the house," said the wandering gentleman.

"I am she," answered the lady.

"Indeed? You look so perfectly happy and independent that I hope you will excuse me for taking you for the hired girl."—Indianapolis Journal.

LOST—A dear little child who made home happy by its smiles. And to think, it might have been saved had the parents only kept in the house One Minute Cough Cure, the infallible remedy for croup. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

Master in Chancery's Sale.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, MACON COUNTY, } ss. In the Circuit Court.

Harry B. Owsley, complainant, vs. Lewis B. Casner et. al., defendant—In Chancery, No. 16,635.

Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a decree of the circuit court of Macon county, in the State of Illinois, entered in the above entitled cause, at the January term of said court, A. D. 1897, I, James J. Finn, master in chancery of said court, will on

Monday, March 22d, 1897,

at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m. at the north door of the court house on East Wood street, in the City of Decatur in said county, offer for sale at public vendue to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand, subject to redemption according to law, the real estate in said decree ordered to be sold, being described as follows, to wit: Lot seven (7) in the assessor's resurvey of block one (1) in the original plot of the Town of Decatur, in Macon county, Illinois, being more particularly described as follows: Commencing 21.5 feet west of northeast corner of original lot five (5) in said block one (1), thence running south 144 feet, thence west 20.5 feet, thence north 144 feet, thence east 20.5 feet to the place of beginning, being part of the east half of original lots five (5) and six (6) in said block one (1) of the original town (now city) of Decatur.

Dated at Decatur, Illinois, this 26th day of February, A. D. 1897.

JAMES J. FINN, Master in Chancery.
Brown, Wheeler & Brown, Complainant's Solicitors. [Feb 26-dtd

Master in Chancery's Sale.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, MACON COUNTY, } ss In the Circuit Court.

Harry Williams, complainant, vs. Edward A. Jones et. al., defendant—In Chancery, No. 16,139.

Public notice is hereby given, that in pursuance of a decree of the Circuit Court of Macon County, in the State of Illinois, entered in the above entitled cause at the January Term of said Court A. D. 1897, I, James J. Finn, master in chancery of said court, will on

Saturday, March 20th, 1897,

at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m., at the north door of the court house on East Wood street, in the City of Decatur, in said county, offer for sale at public vendue to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand, subject to redemption according to law, the real estate in said decree ordered to be sold, being described as follows, to-wit: The east half of the northwest quarter of section 3, township 16, north range 2, east of the 3rd p m, except three acres in the southwest corner thereof.

Dated at Decatur, Illinois, this 22th day of February, A. D 1897.

JAMES J. FINN, Master in Chancery.
Mills Bros., Complainant's Solicitors.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

We are requested to announce J. C. HANE as a candidate for Justice of the Peace, subject to the decision of the Republican township convention.

We are authorized to announce P. B. PROVOST as a candidate for Justice of the Peace, subject to the decision of the Republican township convention.

We are authorized to announce JAMES O'MARA as a candidate for Justice of the Peace, subject to the decision of the Republican township convention.

We are authorized to announce O. W. SMITH as a candidate for Justice of the Peace, subject to the decision of the Republican township convention.

We are authorized to announce CHARLES M. CALDWELL as a candidate for Commissioner of Highways, subject to the action of the Republican township convention.

We are authorized to announce WILLIAM BUNDY as a candidate for Commissioner of Highways, subject to the action of the Republican township convention.

We are authorized to announce J. T. LLOYD as a candidate for Constable, subject to the decision of the Republican township convention.

We are authorized to announce ARTHUR F EVANS as a candidate for Town Clerk, subject to the decision of the Republican township convention.

We are authorized to announce LANDY H. MARTIN as a candidate for Collector, subject to the action of the Republican convention.

We are authorized to announce S. T. KEELER as a candidate for Assessor for Decatur township, subject to the Republican primary election.

We are authorized to announce W. H. SHORB as a candidate for Justice of the Peace, subject to the action of the Republican convention.

We are authorized to announce T. L. ANTRIM as a candidate for Constable, subject to the action of the Republican Township convention.

We are authorized to announce ALBERT H. COPE as a candidate for Town Clerk, subject to the action of the Republican Township convention.

We are authorized to announce A. H. GORDON as a candidate for Justice of the Peace, subject to the action of the Republican convention.

SOCIETY MEETINGS.

I. O. O. F.—Regular meeting of Columbia R. D. Lodge, No. 199, I. O. O. F., this (Friday) evening at 7.30 o'clock in their hall East Main street. All members are requested to be present. Visiting brothers and sisters invited. OLIVE VOTAW, N. G. EVA BROWN, Sec.

Master in Chancery's Sale.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, MACON COUNTY, } SS. In the Circuit Court.

The People's Savings and Loan Association, Complainant, vs. John F. Cooper et al., Defendants—In Chancery, No. 16054.

Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a decree of the circuit court of Macon County, State of Illinois, entered in the above entitled cause at the January term, 1897, of said court, A. D. 1897, I, James J. Finn, master in chancery of said court, will, on

Monday, March 22d, 1897,

at 2 o'clock p. m., at the north door of the court house on East Wood street, in the City of Decatur, in said county, offer for sale at public vendue to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand, subject to redemption according to law, the real estate in said decree ordered to be sold, being described as follows, to-wit: Lot Thirteen (13) in Block One (1), of P. H. Bruecks' 2d Addition to the City of Decatur, in Macon county, Illinois.

Dated at Decatur, Ill., this 26th day of February, A. D. 1897.

JAMES J. FINN, Master in Chancery.
William C. Johns, Complainant's Solicitor.
Feb. 26-dtd

Master in Chancery's Sale

STATE OF ILLINOIS, MACON COUNTY, } ss In the Circuit Court.

The People's Savings and Loan Association, Complainants, vs. Margaret A. Leahy et al, Defendants—In Chancery, No 16011.

Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a decree of the circuit court of Macon county, Illinois, entered in the above entitled cause, at the January term, of said court A. D. 1897, I, James J. Finn, master in chancery of said court, will on

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Dated this 26th day of February, 1897.

JAMES J. FINN, Master in Chancery.
William C Johns, Complainant's Solicitor.
Feb 26-dtd

Master in Chancery's Sale

STATE OF ILLINOIS, MACON COUNTY, } ss In the Circuit Court

Sarah Henson, Complainant, vs. Frank Tunkler et al., Defendants—In Chancery, No. 16073.

Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a decree of the circuit court of Macon county, in the State of Illinois, entered in the above entitled cause, at the January term of said court, A. D. 1897, I, James J. Finn, master in chancery of said court, will on

Saturday, March 20th, 1897,

at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m., at the north door of the court house on East Wood street, in the City of Decatur, in said county, offer for sale at public vendue to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand, subject to redemption according to law, the real estate in said decree ordered to be sold, being described as follows, to-wit: Lot Twenty-Three (23), in Block Five (5) of Enterprise Addition to the City of Decatur, in Macon County, Illinois.

Dated at Decatur, Illinois, this 26th day of February, 1897.

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DYEING AND FINE DRY CLEANING.

We will do dyeing and fine dry cleaning at reduced prices for the next thirty days. Now is the time to have your suits of clothes or overcoats dyed, cleaned and pressed by first-class, practical dyers and dry cleaners. You get the best work done in the city at Miller's Steam Dye House and Dry Cleaning Works, 145 North Main street.

Special Sale...

Of Silk and Wool, All Wool and Union Dress Plaids; New, Choice Styles.

$1.25	PLAIDS	FOR	98c
$1.00	"	"	73c
90c	"	"	62c
75c	"	"	55c
50c	"	"	39c
40c	"	"	30c
25c	"	"	19c
15c	"	"	10c

Don't Miss This Opportunity.

REMEMBER

Thursday Morning, Feb. 25.

S. G. HATCH & BRO.

151 EAST MAIN ST.

8--SURPASSING SPECIALS--8

FOR SATURDAY

At The Big Store.

NO. 1.
25 cents for Men's Silk Teck Ties, well made, pretty patterns, worth 50 cents.

NO. 2.
4½c yard for best Indigo Blue and Turkey Red Calico. It always sells for 7c.

NO. 3.
25c yd. for New Spring Dress Goods, Scotch Suitings and Broken Checks, 36 to 40 inches wide and worth 39c yard.

NO. 4.
10c box for Wild Locust Honey Toilet Soap, 3 bars in a box and worth 10c bar.

NO. 5.
5c each for an odd lot of Towels—Turkish, Momie and Huckaback — some worth 15c.

NO. 6.
69c each for a Ladies' Wrapper, well made, good material, and cheap at 98c.

NO. 7.
95c for Ladies' Brilliantine Skirt, full sweep, percaline lined and well worth $2.00.

NO. 8.
98c for Girls' Spring Reefers in Tan, Navy, Brown and Red, braid trimmed to match and cheap at $1.75.

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DRY GOODS & CARPET CO.

New Hats!

FOR SPRING.

Just Received.

See the New CUBAN FLAT, The Latest.

NEW LINE OF—

SPRING SHIRTS.—

B. STINE CLOTHING CO.,

245-249 NORTH WATER ST.

NEXT TO BRADLEY BROS.

...LEONARD STORE NOW OPEN...

All Goods at Fire Sale Prices.

COME AND GET WHAT YOU WANT. The fire loss of December 28 has been adjusted and all new and slightly damaged goods—as good as new—will go at astonishingly low figures. Come early. Dry Goods, Groceries—everything, are in THE GREAT BARGAIN SALE.

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Bohon-McReynolds Co.

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Spring Styles

Stetson and Miller Hats

Monday, Feb. 15th, 1897.

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If you wear a MILLER OR STETSON YOU ARE RIGHT.

COLORS—

BLACK, BROWN, and PECAN....

Few more of the—

...DRESS SHIRTS...

35c, or three for $1.00 left.

COME AND GET THEM.

Race Clothing M'f'g Co.,

129 North Water Street.

CORSETS...

Now is the time to buy a Perfect Fitting CORSET...

I CARRY FULL LINE—

Warner's, Thompson's Glove-Fitting, R and G, Flexo Girdle, P. D. Jackson Corset Waist.

A dress form Corset in black, white and summer for $1.00
For a cheap Corset try my 50c.

H. C. Anthony
DECATUR, ILL.

Personals.

—Moweaqua Call-Mail: Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Smith returned home from Colorado, Sunday, and it is highly gratifying to state that Mrs Smith is wonderfully improved in health and strength. They will reside on their farm west of the city.

—Mrs. Charles Neidermeyer, who has been in the city visiting Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Ammann, has returned to her home in Bloomington.

—Attorney I. D. Walker and wife, who have been at Chicago, returned home yesterday.

—E. L. Caldwell and F. W. Caldwell will leave this week for Washington to witness the inauguration..

—Rev. W. H. Moore, who has been in the city visiting friends, has returned to his home in Quincy.

—Miss Emma Clark has gone to Arcola to visit friends for a week.

—Alderman G. A. Ahrens is in Milwaukee on business.

—H. W. Fenton went to Chicago last night.

—Miss Dolly Davis, stenographer at E. D. Bartholomew's, has resigned her position.

—Charles M. Fletcher of Mt. Zion, was in the city again today. His mother is seriously ill at her home on West Decatur street.

—Rev. M. L. Wagonner of Vadnalia, who has been in the city looking after his property interests, left this afternoon for his home.

—W. S. Grubbs arrived home last night from Louisville, Ky.

A WILD STORY.

Alleged Cruel Treatment of Dogs at the City Pound.

A resident of the Third ward is responsible for the statement that the impounded dogs at the city pound are often in a starving condition, and that they are wild and frantic with hunger. It is further asserted that the weaker dogs are overcome by the stronger ones, killed and eaten. It is not expected that lost and stray dogs picked up by the dog catcher shall receive pie and cake three times a day, but they ought to receive some kind of proper food while they are penned up in compliance with the city law. The spectacle of dogs eating each other is not a very creditable picture to contemplate.

M. W. of A.

Decatur Camp, No. 144, M. W. of A., will entertain at K. P. hall on Friday evening, Feb. 26, from 8 to 12 o'clock. All Woodmen and those holding invitation and tickets will be admitted. Those who do not avail themselves of this opportunity will not realize the hospitalities of Decatur camp. Visiting neighbors cordially invited.—25-d2t

Gas Wasting Suit.

Mrs. Kirkland—And why do you think, Mr. Dunley, that the world is better now and more beautiful than it was 35 years ago?

Mr. Dunley (who is after her sweet daughter)—Because—because you were not in it then.

Papa Kirtland's objections to the young man have been overridden.—Cleveland Leader.

A Most Dangerous Place.

Life is a ship upon the sea,
The man who goes to wreck
Is he who spendeth too much time
Upon the poker deck
—Brooklyn Life.

SLIGHTLY AMBIGUOUS.

He—Would your father object to my kissing you?

She (indignantly)—My father! why, he wouldn't hear of such a thing!—Up-to-Date.

A Paradox.

There is often heard
A funny thing:
"She sings like a bird—"
When she-birds don't sing.
—Chicago Record.

Better Than Medicine.

"Why, Grumpy, the doctor told me that your wife would have to confine herself to the house till warm weather, and I met her on the avenue this morning."

"Yes," chuckled Grumpy, "I bought her a new sealskin jacket and she promptly told the doctor he didn't understand her case."—Detroit Free Press.

Objection Sustained.

"And after the robbery you just took a walk?" asked the prosecuting attorney.

"I object," yelled the excited young lawyer for the prisoner, "to any such base insinuation. The walk was nailed down and is still there."—Detroit Free Press.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The Best Salve in the world for Cuts Bruses, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by E. A. West, the druggist.

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WHITE LOAF
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TO THE SOUTH.

BOLEN & LANNING, Real Estate Dealers, have another of their popular EXCURSIONS TO TEXAS on TUESDAY, MARCH 2d, where they are selling so much of their choice cheap lands near Houston and Galveston. These lands are smooth, level prairie, most of them new and rich, have never had a plow in them. We can sell you cheaper and better lands, better terms than any one and can take exchange in on some of them. Write us for circulars. We also do a general exchange business, have land to exchange for stocks of goods goods to exchange for lands. In fact can fit you with almost any kind of a trade. Especially notice their circulars on the country across the bayou from Galveston. Write us or call and see us in Millikin bank building, Decatur, Ills.
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MARKETS.

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 26, 1897.

The REPUBLICAN is indebted to B. Z. Taylor, dealer in grain, provisions and stocks, with correspondents in Chicago, New York, Minneapolis and St. Louis for the following market quotations

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
Wheat—				
February..........	—	—	—	73⅛
May..........	74⅛	74⅛	73⅝	74⅛
July..........	72	72⅛	71	71⅛
Corn—				
February..........	—	—	—	22⅞
May..........	24⅛	24⅛	23⅞	23⅞
July..........	25⅜	25⅜	24⅞	25
Oats—				
February..........	—	—	—	15⅝
May..........	17⅛	17⅛	16⅞	16⅞
July..........	18⅛	18⅛	17⅝	17⅞
Pork—				
February..........	—	—	—	—
May..........	7.97½	8 10	7.97½	8 10
Lard—				
February..........	—	—	—	—
May..........	4 05	4 12	4.05	4 10
Ribs—				
February..........	—	—	—	—
May..........	4 10	4 20	4 10	4 17½

May wheat: puts, 73⅝c; calls, 74⅛c; curb, 74⅛

TO-DAY'S RECEIPTS—CAR LOTS.

Wheat—13. Estimated, 12. Year ago, 64.
Corn—169; Estimated, 175; a year ago, 406
Oats—180; Estimated, 205, a year ago, 254.

ESTIMATES FOR TO-MORROW.

Wheat, 10; Corn, 220; oats, 239.

Hog receipts 31,000; estimated, 24,000. Market weak, shade lower.

Light, $3.50@$3 72; Mixed, $3.50@$3.62; Heavy $3.50@$3 65; Rough $3.30@$3 40.

Estimated for to-morrow, 24,000.

Cattle receipts, 2,500. Market steady

PEORIA QUOTATIONS.

PEORIA, Feb. 26.—Corn, steady, new, No. 2, white, 19¼c; oats, quiet, No. 2, white, 17½@18c; Rye, nominal.

NEW YORK MARKET.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—Butter, steady, creamery, 12@14c, Eggs, quiet, 17c.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—Wheat, May, 79⅝c; Corn, May, 29⅜c, oats, May, 21⅞c.

ST. LOUIS MARKET.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 26.—Wheat, cash, 88¼c, May, 85c; Corn, cash 20½; May, 21⅞; Oats, cash 17c; May, 18.

Sales of Real Estate.

Arminda J. Eldridge to Joseph C. Hostetler, lot 29 of the east half of the southeast quarter of 12, 16, 3 east, $500

Herbert R Eldridge to Arminda J. Eldridge, quit claim deed to the west half of the south half of the southeast quarter of 12, 16, 3 east, $3000

John E. Rucker to Arminda J. Eldridge, quit claim deed to lot 2 of the southeast quarter of 12, 16, 3 east, $1.

Anna Braden to G. W Weyl, thirty-six feet off the south side of lot 3 and eleven feet off the north side of lot 4 in block 4 of the town of Maroa, $825.

B. D. Uhrich to Elizabeth Heidlebaugh, lots 14 and 15 of block 11 in the village of Blue Mound, $1600.

Robert H. Williamson to Lewis Beyer, lots 7 and 8 in block 5 of Carver's addition to Decatur, $1800.

Josiah M Clokey to Miles D. Knauss, lot 6 and the east half of lot 7 in block 3 of East Park Boulevard, $1600.

Lent will begin next Wednesday, March 3.

What an inconsistent thing a human being is. Men go with dread through narrow, noisome streets, They walk wide of the corners, and look frequently over their shoulders. And the things of which they are most afraid are perhaps a hundred times less dangerous than the thing they think of not at all. The assassin's stiletto is less deadly than the little, insignificant, invisible germs, the bacilli of consumption. This is the thing that causes more deaths than all the wars and pestilences. This is the thing that causes one-sixth of all the deaths in the world. It finds easy lodgment in a body made weak by wasting sickness or debility from lack of proper nourishment. Impure blood is a fertile resting and breeding place for them.

The man who allows his health to decline, who allows his blood to remain impure, and who feels that he is growing weaker every day is holding out an invitation to consumption and to death. When signs of weakness and failing first appear, they should be met by taking Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. This is a medicine for people who have lingering coughs, whose lungs are weak—either by reason of colds or heredity. It builds up strength immediately. It purifies and invigorates the blood, tones up the digestion, strengthens the nerves, makes the sleep sound and refreshing. It assists the body in throwing off all disease germs. Druggists are sometimes unscrupulous enough to try and sell something else in its place. Nothing is "just as good." Nothing is nearly as good.

No home library is complete without Dr. Pierce's "Common Sense Medical Adviser." This handsomely illustrated, thousand-page volume will be sent free, paper-bound, to all who will send twenty-one one-cent stamps, to pay the cost of mailing *only*, to the World's Dispensary Medical Association, Buffalo, N. Y. If a handsome, French cloth binding is desired, send ten cents additional (thirty-one cents in all).

DR. PIERCE'S PLEASANT PELLETS FOR CONSTIPATION. Forty sugar-coated granules, in a little two inch vial—the only safe and comfortable cure for constipation biliousness headache, sour stomach, heart-burn, foul breath and palpitation of the heart. They do not gripe, nor cause any other unpleasant feeling. One little "Pellet" is a gentle laxative, two a mild cathartic.

Three Shoes...

—At JOHNSTON'S.

We call special attention to-day to three different prices of shoes that we sell for ladies' wear.

AT $2.50 PER PAIR.

An elegant Pointed Toe Dongola Kid Shoe that sells usually at from $3.00 to $3 50 per pair—Button and Lace.

AT $2.00 PER PAIR.

A fine Dongola Kid Pointed Toe Shoe, that retails generally at $2.50 to $2.75 a pair—Button or Lace.

AT $1.50 PER PAIR.

A nice Kid Button Pointed Toe Shoe on sale that often sells for $2 00 per pair.

Children's Shoes at $1.00, $1.25 and $1.50 per pair.
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Jackets and Capes...

Must all be closed out regardless of cost or value.

At Johnston's Dry Goods Store.

151 North Water Street.

Our Inauguration Day

MARCH 4,

We will be found in our new home, *159 EAST MAIN STREET*, with all the *New Spring Clothing* for all mankind.

Call at once at our present location, 108 Prairie street, and get the many Bargains in Clothing now offered.

MEN'S $ 5.00 SUITS AT $3.00
" 6.00 " 3.70
" 8.00 " " 6.00
" 12.00 " " 8.00

All Goods Reduced In Price.

CALL AT THE

...*GEO. W. JONES & CO.*...

Clothing House

FOR BARGAINS. WE MEAN BUSINESS.

Now 108 East Prairie Street.

On and after March 4th at 159 EAST MAIN STREET, Building known as "The Fair."

OUR $15.00 COOK STOVE.

1,500 of them in use in Decatur and Vicinity and every one of them satisfactory. This stove has all the latest improvements. Fire-lined Oven Door, Oven Door Shelf, Back and Side Shelf, Oven Door Opener, Nickel Towel Rod Heavy Loose Base—in fact a stove that is as good as many stoves sold for $5.00 more money. **Remember, every stove fully warranted.**

Bachman Bros. & Martin Co.

ONE BLOCK EAST OF MILLIKIN BANK.

Masks, Whiskers,

Mustaches, Noses,

DOMINOES,

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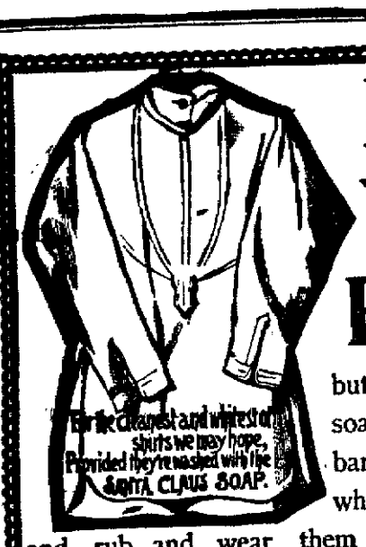

Not Your Fault

but the fault of the soap that your husband's shirts are not white. Don't scrub and rub and wear them out using an inferior soap—use Santa Claus.

SANTA CLAUS SOAP.

takes the yellow out of clothes and whitens and softens them. Not injurious because it's pure. Will pay you to think to ask for "Santa Claus."

Sold everywhere. Made only by
THE N. K. FAIRBANK COMPANY, CHICAGO.

Special Sale for 10 Days

—AT—

Savings Bank Store,

Corner Water and Park Streets,

COMMENCING FEB. 18.

Dress Goods Department.

2500 yds. of Worsted Plaids for Dresses at 4½c yd.
2500 " Light Calico, very best, at 3c yard.
3000 " Apron Gingham at 3c yard.
3500 " Indigo Blue Calico, very best, at 4½c yd.
1800 " Henrietta Cashmere, all colors, 36 inches wide, at 16c yd.
5 dozen Ladies' Wrappers at 48c.
5 dozen Ladies' Wrappers at 65c.

Clothing Department.

3 dozen Men's Black Cheviot Suits, price $8.00—for this sale.....$3.75
3 dozen Men's Fancy All Wool Suits, price $11.00—for this sale..... 6.98
6 dozen Men's All Wool Pants, all colors, in heavy weight, price $2.75—for this sale..... 1.98
4 dozen Heavy Cottonade Pants, price $1.00—this sale..... 58c
5 dozen Men's fine Outing Flannel Nightgowns, price $1.50—for this sale.... 75c
5 dozen Men's Muslin Gowns, fancy bosom and cuffs, for this sale..... 40c
25 dozen Men'sOu ting Flannel Orershirts, full size, at. 25c

Shoe Department.

We just received a new line of Men's, Ladies' and Misses' Shoes, which we will sell for this sale at a Great Bargain.

36 pair Ladies' Dongola Button Shoe, price $1.75 and $2.00, for this sale.....$1.10
36 pairs Boys' Fine Calf Skin Shoe, razor toe, price $1.50, for this sale..... 98c
36 pairs Child's Shoes at..... 38c
72 pairs Men's Fine Calf Skin Shoes, razor toe, at.....$1.18
72 pairs Ladies' Rubbers at..... 20c

Cloak Department.

48 Black, Fine Jackets, regular price $10 and $12. Your choice for this sale.....$3.50

A fine Beaver Jacket, price $250, to be sold at a reasonable offer. Come and get a bargain.

Thousands of other articles which we will offer at A GREAT BARGAIN.

☞ Remember the Place—THE SAVINGS BANK STORE corner North Water and Park streets.

YOURS RESPECTFULLY,

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SALVATION OIL

The Greatest Cure on Earth for Pain. Cures permanently Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Sciatica, Sprains, Cuts, Bruises, Scalds, Burns, Swellings, Backache or any other pain. SALVATION OIL is sold everywhere for 25 cts. Refuse substitutes.

Chew LANGE'S PLUGS. The Great Tobacco Antidote, 10c. Dealers or mail A. C. Meyer & Co., Balto., Md.

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Much Cause for Thankfulness.

Of a certain bishop the following anecdote is told:

While presiding over a conference, a speaker began a tirade against the universities and education, expressing thankfulness that he had never been corrupted by contact with a college.

After proceeding for a few minutes the bishop interrupted with the question:

"Do I understand that Mr. X. is thankful for his ignorance?"

"Well, yes," was the answer, "you can put it that way if you like."

"Well, all I have to say," said the prelate, in sweet and musical tones, "all I have to say is—that Mr. X. has much to be thankful for."—London Answers.

He Could Tell.

"See that young couple?" said the doorkeeper at the theater.

"Yes."

"They've been married a little over a month. I don't know their names, nor where they live, but I can tell that much about 'em."

"How?"

"They used to come every week and sit in the orchestra chairs. Now they come every other week and sit in the balcony."—Washington Star.

And Still He Did It.

Station Master — You shouldn't smoke, sir.

Traveler—That is what my friends say.

Station Master—But you mustn't smoke, sir.

Traveler—So my doctor tells me.

Station Master — But you sha'n't smoke, sir.

Traveler—Ah! that is just what my wife tells me.—Tit-Bits.

The Story of the Violet.

He found a violet in the snow
And took it to his breast;
"Poor thing!" he cried, "by fate denied
A softer couch of rest!"
He wrote a poem three yards long:
His wife, she knocked it flat—
"That violet that makes your song
Is cloth—from off my hat!"
—Atlanta Constitution.

Juvenile Curiosity.

"Mr. Diggles," said the little boy with big ruffles on his shoulders, "I wish you would let me come and see where you live. I want to look at your room."

"Why, certainly. But what made you think of that?"

"My sister said it was better than your company, so I thought it must be something fine."—Washington Star.

Of Most Importance.

Mrs. Blotterwick—Isn't that sad about young Spring, next door?

Blotterwick—Don't know him.

Mrs. Blotterwick—Yes, you do. The young man who played the cornet. He's dead.

Blotterwick (with interest)—What became of the cornet?—Up-to-Date.

Taken Literally.

"Waiter, this chop is done abominably!"

"It's what you ordered, sir."

"What I ordered? What d'yer mean?"

"Why, you ordered a chop not too well done."—Pick-Me-Up.

Hope for the Child.

"They all tell me," said the fond mother, "that the little darling is the very image of me."

"Don't let that worry you," responded the old maid caller, "she will doubtless outgrow it."—Detroit Free Press.

Extremes of Fortune.

"Tis destiny that must control.
In vain we question why.
There must be some to sell the coal
And some—alack—to buy.
—Washington Star.

QUITE NATURAL.

Her Mother—Edith, don't you think you are getting too old to play with little boys?

Edith—No, mamma; the older I get the better I like them.—N. Y. Times.

Sophisticated.

Queen Lil has been to Boston,
And, unlike many queens,
No critics now may say of her:
"She really doesn't know beans."
—Chicago Times-Herald.

A Belligerent Spirit.

"Did you seize the spirit of the occasion while you were at the seance last night, Chumpley?"

"That's what I did and she came mighty near scratching my eyes out."—Detroit Free Press.

No Friendship Lost.

May—I notice that Cupid seems to hate gas light.

Willie—Indeed?

May—Yes. At least, at my house, whenever one turns up the other is turned down.—N. Y. Journal.

Often Does It.

"Ever play whist with a dummy, Blinkly?"

"Times without number. My wife is always my partner when we're in the game."—Detroit Free Press.

No Other Course Open.

"How did you happen to discharge that last girl, Mrs. Meekly?"

"I just had to. She only allowed me two afternoons a week."—Detroit Free Press.

A Pioneer View.

"What is an old-fashioned patriot?"

"He is a man that can cast a vote without remembering that the country needs postmasters."—Chicago Record.

Hunting Game in Chicago.

The American Field says that a red fox was trapped in Oakwoods cemetery, Chicago, recently. The fox was savage and attempted to bite its captor. It was chloroformed and the president of the cemetery, F. M. Farwell, is having the hide cured and the head mounted. Numerous kinds of game may be killed in Chicago. Wild ducks are shot in the marshes and muskrats are trapped for their fur. Mink tracks are followed by fur catchers, and traps are set along the water front for those animals. Every two or three weeks the sportsmen's papers tell of game seen in Chicago—quail peacefully feeding on vacant lots, wildcats taking refuge in the thickets, and shrikes and jays along the trails leading through the parks.

The Ideal Panacea.

James L. Francis, Alderman, Chicago, says: "I regard Dr. King's New Discovery as an Ideal Panacea for Coughs, Colds and Lung Complaints, having used it in my family for the last five years, to the exclusion of physician's prescriptions or other preparations."

Rev. John Burgess, Keokuk, Iowa, writes: "I have been a Minister of the Methodist Episcopal church for 50 years or more, and have never found anything so beneficial, or that gave me such speedy relief as Dr. King's New Discovery." Try this Ideal Cough Remedy now. At West's drug store.

Large flocks of ducks have been flying north past Pekin for the past few days, and many hunters have been going quietly up and down the river bagging quite a number of the fowl. They headed for the south when the cold snap came on.

Constipation in its worst forms, dyspepsia, sick headache, biliousness and derangement of the liver are readily cured by DeWitt's Little Early Risers These little pills never gripe. Small pill, safe pill, best pill. A. J. Stoner & Son Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

Two champion checker players, one at Pekin and one at Green Valley, are carrying on a game by mail, at the rate of one move a day.

A torpid liver means a bad complexion, bad breath, indigestion and frequent headaches. To avoid such companions take DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the famous little pills. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

The buildings, machinery and leasehold of the Centralia Canning Company will be sold at chancery sale on February 26 to satisfy a mortgage. The property originally cost $7000, while the mortgage is only one-third that amount.

All the different forms of skin troubles, from chapped hands to eczema and indolent ulcers can be readily cured by DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, the great pile cure. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

Paralysis is affecting a number of horses east of Danville and a number of valuable animals have been shot, as the disease is apparently incurable.

Chicora, Pa., "Herald:" Richard Vensel reports One Minute Cough Cure the greatest success of medical science. He told us that it cured his whole family of terrible coughs and colds, after all other so called cures had failed entirely. Mr. Vinsel said it assisted his children through a very bad siege of measles. One Minute Cough Cure makes expectoration very easy and rapid. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

The per capita cost of keeping the insane at the different state asylums is: Anna, $40.88; Elgin, $31.11, Kankakee, $42 77; Jacksonville, $29.93.

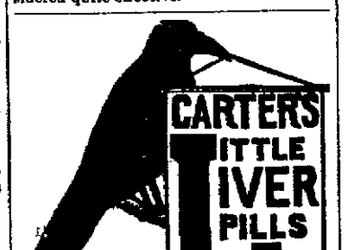
Something for burns, scalds, chapped hands and lips. Healing for cuts and sores. Instant relief for piles, stops pain at once. These are the virtues of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

H. F. Hempel, gardener and fruit grower of Jacksonville, is of the opinion that peach trees were considerably damaged by the heavy frosts in January. He thinks this is true of the finer varieties especially.

A weed in the garden can be easily destroyed when it first starts. Consumption can be nipped in the bud by One Minute Cough Cure. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

Thad B. Woodland, cashier of the Prairie State Bank of Chicago, and Miss Lillian Petyt were married at the home of the bride in Kankakee. Their wedding trip took them to New Orleans.

In Danville any tramp applying at the city calaboose for lodgings is accommodated, but if he applies a second time he is put on the stone pile. The effect has been to get rid of all but "first nighters," and the "rock pile treatment" is considered quite effective.



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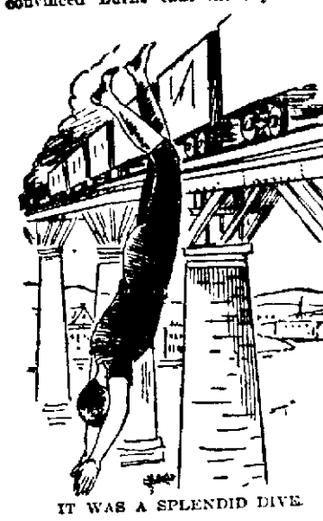

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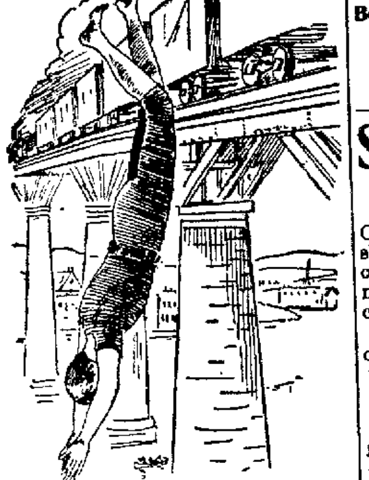

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EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of William H. Walters, Deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed executor of the estate of William H. Walters, late of the county of Macon, and State of Illinois, deceased, hereby give notice that he will appear before the county court of Macon county, at the court house in Decatur, at the April term on the first Monday in April next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this 24th day of February, 1896.

HIRAM JOHNSON, Executor.

Feb 24-d3w

NOTICE.

DECATUR, ILL., Feb. 22, 1897.

To the Stockholders of the Municipal Electric Company, of Decatur, Ill.:

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the stockholders of said company will be held at the office of said company in Decatur, Illinois, upon the 15th day of March, 1897, at the hour of one o'clock, p. m., for the purpose of authorizing the president and secretary of said company to execute, acknowledge and deliver the notes and mortgages of said company, said mortgages to cover the entire property, property rights, privileges and franchises of said company, and to be in the aggregate amount not to exceed $35000, and upon such terms and for such time as shall be deemed expedient by the officers so authorized to execute said notes and mortgages, or as shall be particularly provided for by resolutions adopted at such meeting.

J. H. CULVER, Pres't.

[L. S.] Attest; F. H. CULVER, Sec'y.

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By going to the Inauguration over the Vandalia-Pennsylvania Short Line. Conveniences enjoyed by passengers over this short route insure comfort on fast through trains. Excursion tickets for the Inauguration on sale March 1st, 2d and 3d. Find out about the low rates and fine trains by addressing Traveling Passenger Agent J. C. Millspaugh, Decatur, Ill., or W. F. Brunner, A. G. P. Agent, St. Louis.

WORTH SEEING.

Inauguration of President McKinley.

The crowd at Washington will be great, the ceremonies grand. Leading men of all parties will be there. You can enjoy the sights at slight cost by buying an excursion ticket over the Vandalia-Pennsylvania Line, on sale March 1st, 2 and 3d. For particulars address Traveling Passenger Agent J. C. Millspaugh, Decatur Ill., or W. F. Brunner, A. G. P. Agent, St. Louis.

Administratrix' Notice.

Estate of Robert G. Wells, Deceased.

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Dated this 20th day of February, 1897.

ALICE C. WELLS, Administratrix.

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Mardi Gras at New Orleans, La.

On account of the Mardi Gras at New Orleans the P. D. & E. will make a special low rate for the round trip. Do not buy your ticket before seeing the Local Agent and investigating the route, accommodations and rates via the above line. Information will be gladly furnished by application to Agent or A. G. PALMER, Gen'l Pass. Agent, Evansville Ind.

Inauguration at Washington.

For the above occasion the P. D. & E. Railway will sell round trip tickets at the rate of one fare for the round trip. Tickets to be sold March 1st, 2d and 3d, and good returning not earlier than March 4th nor later than March 8th. A. G. PALMER, Gen'l Pass. Agent.

REDEMPTION NOTICES.

To S. M. Dickinson and the owners and parties interested in the lands or lots hereinafter described: You are hereby notified that at a sale of lands and town lots for state, county and special taxes, made in pursuance of law, by the county collector of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, at the north outside door of the court house, in the city of Decatur, in said county and state, on the 26th day of June, A. D. 1895, I, J. C. Hestetler, purchased the following described real estate, situate in said Macon county: Lot 6 in block 1 of H. and F. A. Dickinson's subdivision of a part of lot 3 of the northeast quarter of section 22 in Township 16 north, Range 3 east of the 3d P. M. for the taxes assessed for the year 1894, including interest, penalties and costs due on the said described real estate and at the time the last described real estate was assessed as aforesaid it was taxed in the name of S. M. Dickinson, and that the time of the redemption thereof from said sale will expire on the 26th day of June, 1897.

J. C. HOSTETLER.

Dated this 12th day of February, 1897.

To H. and F. A. Dickinson and the owners and parties interested in the lands or lots hereinafter described: You are hereby notified that at a sale of lands and town lots for state, county and special taxes, made in pursuance of law, by the county collector of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, at the north outside door of the court house, in the city of Decatur, in said county and state, on the 26th day of June, A. D. 1895, I, J. C. Hostetler, purchased the following described real estate, situate in said Macon county: Lot 4 of H. & F. A. Dickinsons 2d Sub-division in Decatur township, for the taxes assessed for the year 1894, including interest, penalties and costs due on the said described real estate, and at the time the last described real estate was assessed as aforesaid it was taxed in the name of H. & F. A. Dickinson, and that the time of the redemption thereof from said sale will expire on the 26th day of June, 1897.

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To C. Schaniel and the owners and parties interested in the lands or lots hereinafter described: You are hereby notified that at a sale of lands and town lots for state, county and special taxes and assessments, made in pursuance of law, by the county collector of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, at the north outside door of the court house in the City of Decatur, in said county and state, on the 26th day of June, A. D. 1895, I, J. C. Hostetler, purchased the following described real estate situate in said Macon county: Lot 23 in Block 2, of Durfee, Warren & Co.'s 1st addition to the City of Decatur, for the taxes assessed and assessment aforesaid, for the year 1894, including interest, penalties and costs due on the said described real estate, and at the time the last described real estate was assessed as aforesaid it was taxed or assessed in the name of C. Schaniel, and that the time of the redemption thereof from said sale will expire on the 26th day of June, 1897.

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To Rapp, Simpson & Co. and the owners and parties interested in the lands or lots hereinafter described: You are hereby notified that at a sale of lands and town lots for state, county and special taxes and assessments, made in pursuance of law, by the county collector of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, at the north outside door of the court house, in the city of Decatur, in said county and state, on the 26th day of June, A. D. 1895, I, J. C. Hostetler, purchased the following described real estate, situate in said Macon county: Lot 16 in Block 1 of H. W. Hill's Sub-division of Lot 9 of the west half of the southwest quarter of section 12, in Township 16 north, range 2 east of the 3d p. m. for the taxes and assessments aforesaid, assessed for the year 1894, including interest, penalties and costs due on the said described real estate, and at the time the last described real estate was assessed as aforesaid it was taxed or assessed in the name of Rapp, Simpson & Co., and that the time of the redemption thereof from said sale will expire on the 26th day June, 1897.

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To Montgomery & Shull and the owners and parties interested in the lands or lots hereinafter described: You are hereby notified that at a sale of lands and town lots for state, county and special taxes and assessments, made in pursuance of law, by the county collector of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, at the north outside door of the court house, in the city of Decatur, in said county and state, on the 26th day of June, A. D. 1885, I, J. C. Hostetler purchased the following described real estate, situate in said Macon county: Lot 13 in block 2, of Montgomery & Shull's Second addition to the city of Decatur, for the taxes assessed and assessments aforesaid for the year 1894, including interest, penalties and costs due on the said described real estate, and at the time the last described real estate was assessed as aforesaid it was taxed or assessed in the name of Montgomery & Shull, and that the time of the redemption thereof from said sale will expire on the 26th day of June, 1897.

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To M. J. Heddenberg and the owner and parties interested in the lands or lots hereinafter described: You are hereby notified that at a sale of lands and town lots for state, county and special taxes and assessments, made in pursuance of law, by the county collector of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, at the north outside door of the court house, in the city of Decatur, in said county and state on the 26th day of June, 1895, I, J. C. Hostetler, purchased the following described real estate, situate in said Macon county: Lot 2 in Block 1 of Michl. Harpstrite & Shlaudeman's Sub-division of Lot 22 of the northwest quarter of section 22, in township 16 north, range 2 east of the 3d p. m., for the taxes and assessments aforesaid assessed for the year 1894, including interest, penalties and costs due on the said described real estate, and at the time the last described real estate was assessed as aforesaid it was taxed or assessed in the name of M. J. Heddenberg, and that the time of the redemption thereof from said sale will expire on the 26th day of June, 1897.

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WANTED—Paper hanging. With 25 years' experience I am prepared to give prompt attention to all orders from all parts of the city. Prices reasonable and all work guaranteed. New Telephone 806. D. M. SMITH, West end Pugh street car line. Feb 19-dtf

WANTED—Several upright, industrial persons in Illinois, as State agents, or managers, for responsible house. $780 and expenses. Permanent positions. Enclose reference. Address the Dominion Company, Dept. 2, Chicago. Feb 9-d5w

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—CHEAP—A fine lot of standard bred Langshan Cockerels. Address Box 217, or call at yards on East Cantrell street. J. S. COX. Feb 22-d&w1m

FOR SALE—Two good milk cows—one half and the other three-quarters Jersey. Three and eight years old. Apply to MRS. F. N. EWING, Forest avenue. 20-d6*

FOR SALE—5 acres of land, good 4-room new house, new barn, etc., on gravel road, east end of Decatur; $1700 buys it; possession given immediately. Hurry up; must be sold by March 1st. PETER H. BRUECK, Real Estate Broker, 215 North Main street. Feb 17-dtf

FOR RENT.

FOR RENT—A good seven-room house, within three blocks of Lincoln Square. Barn, carriage house, well, cistern and dry cellar. Inquire at 459 South Main street. Feb 26-d6

FOR RENT—Neatly furnished rooms at 343 South Franklin street, within two blocks of street car line. 22-d6*

FOR RENT—A house of nine rooms, furnace, well and cistern, and good barn, chicken houses, etc., in Riverside. Apply to H. F. May & Bro., 124 South Main street. Feb. 11-d2w

LOST AND FOUND.

LOST OR STOLEN—Tuesday afternoon a Cocker Spaniel puppy, 8 months old; answers to name of Judge. Reward will be paid for return to 1661 North Water street. HAL G. STEVENS. Feb 20-d6

MONEY TO LOAN.

FARM LOANS—SIX PER CENT. INTEREST—Lowest commission. Prepayment privileges. Money ready when papers are accepted. Don't contract for a loan until you get my terms. C. E. GIVEN, 605 Millikin Bank Building. Oct 28-d&wtf

ALBERT T. SUMMERS,
—LOAN BROKER,—
All Classes of Loans Negotiated.
145 North Water Street, DECATUR, ILL.

LOANS Of All Kinds Made by PEGRAM & CO.,
Room One, over Citizen's Nat. Bank.

LOANS—I have money to place on farms and city property not over 40 per cent of value at 8 per cent, on 5 years time, with privilege of payments after the second year. Also loca money for nearly all classes of loans. Call or address Samuel McBride, 215 North Main street. dec17 d6mo

MONEY TO LOAN—I have money to loan on city property and farms without delay. Call and see me. George W. Ehrhart, Real Estate and Loans, Room 10, Opera Block. july 7-d1m

MISCELLANEOUS.

NOTICE—Mrs. Helen Chapman, the reliable nurse, is now at her home, 659 South Broadway. She is a first-class nurse, and her services can be had at a dollar a day. 20-d6*

TWO FINE CORNER LOTS in "King's Orchard," clear of encumbrances; $1700 buys them, or will trade for house of about equal value. Look this up. PETER H. BRUECK, Real Estate Broker, 215 North Main st. Feb 16-dtf

$700 buys new three-room house, one acre of land, fifty choice bearing fruit trees, all on gravel road on the outskirts of Decatur. Who wants this" PETER H BRUECK, Real Estate Broker, 215 North Main street. Feb 17-dtf

$225 buys fine lot on North Union street, 40x80. What's the matter with this! nothing—only the owner needs money. PETER H. BRUECK, Real Estate Broker, 215 North Main street. Feb 17-dtf

THE "Dollar Special" cabinet photo is still being made. $1.00 per dozen. Proofs shown. Accuracy and permanence guaranteed. Dark days no hindrance in getting good negatives East End Gallery, 1079 E. Eldorado St. Dec. 30 d&wtf

STEAMSHIP TICKETS to all parts of Europe: either first or second cabin, or steerage tickets, at the very lowest prices. For further information call at office. PETER H. BRUECK, Agent Hamburg-American Line, 215 North Main street. Feb 17-dtf

SALESMEN—$5 a day. No canvassing. No deliveries. No collections. Samples free, Side line or exclusive. Mfrs., 3941 Market St., Philadelphia. jan 23-d4w.

STORAGE GOODS FOR SALE.—We have a lot of household goods, bedroom suit, chairs, couches, carpets, etc., in good condition, that we will sell cheap to pay the storage due on them. This is a bargain for some one. BACHMAN BROS. & MARTIN CO. June 10-dtf

R. O. ROSEN, Architect and Builder. Office Rooms 1 and 2, third floor, Review Building, North Main street.

SEE DILTS—If you are wanting a two, three or four inch tubular well, or your old wells made deeper. Well work of all kinds and sizes, from two inches to three feet. 723 N. Water or 1712 E. Prairie street. nov29 dtf

THE Blue Grass Carriage shop. Your vehicle insured and stored at my risk free of cost, if repairs or repainting is necessary for spring use. Oceans of good dry room, and I want one to two hundred vehicles on these terms. Corner of East Main and Franklin streets. Jan6-dtf

THE FINEST FLOWERS.—N. Bommersbach, proprietor of the Decatur Greenhouse, has in stock at all times the finest and largest variety of cut flowers and plants at the lowest figures. Inspect the display at the greenhouse on Spring avenue. Leave orders at office or with J. B. Bullard, Syndicate Block. Jan 4, 1897-dtf

RHEUMATISM CURE. — Decatur, Ill., Nov. 29th. Wanted, everybody to read this article. For four or five years I took medicine for my kidneys and could get no relief. After trying several other kinds of medicines for rheumatism I tried your Cerrodanle Capsules and they not only cured my rheumatism but my back as well. I can and do heartily recommend them to any one with rheumatism and neuralgia. Yours truly, Tom. Penlwell, ticket agent I. C. R. R. Jan 18-dtf

CITY COLLECTING AND RATING AGENCY

He rents buildings and collects all kinds of claims at the most reasonable prices. Satisfaction guaranteed. Call on or address GEO. W. CUSTER, Room 506, Arcade Building. Jan. 8-dtf

ASSIGNEE'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed assignee of Mamie E. Dennis and all persons holding any claim or claims against said Mamie E. Dennis are hereby notified to present the same to him under oath or affirmation within three months from this date, whether said claims are due or not. All persons indebted to said assignor are requested to make prompt payment of the same.

Dated February 10, 1897.

Feb 19-6w A. F. GEBHARD, Assignee.

PROPOSALS.

The undersigned, assignee of the estate of M. D. Alexander, insolvent, will receive proposals for the entire stock of goods, consisting of hardware, cutlery, stoves, tinware, tinner's tools, etc., up to March 1, 1897. The stock is clean, and if desired the building can be rented for the coming season, or can be purchased reasonable.

Macon, Ill., Jan. 11, 1897.

Jan. 20-d6w W. H. BROOKS, Assignee.

PROFESSIONAL CARDS.

GEO. P. HARDY,
Justice of the Peace,
147 South Water Street.
Apr 28-dtf

DR. LAURENS ENOS,
Homeopathist and Surgeon,
—Chronic Diseases a Specialty.—
OFFICE AND RESIDENCE, 345 N. Main st.
Jan. 13-dtf

DR. HOWARD M. WOOD
HOMEOPATHIST,
Arcade Office Building, Decatur, Ill.
Office hours 8 to 10 a. m., 2 to 4 p. m., 7 to 8 p. m.
Telephones { Office, 272 Res.. 216. | Residence 1446 N. Edward St

DR. L. H. CLARK,
Room 30, Arcade Office Building.
Office Hours—10 to 12 a. m., 2 to 4 p. m., 7 to 8 p. m.
Telephone—Residence, 364; Office, 365.
Residence—555 West North St.

I. D. STINE,
ARCHITECT.
Pasfield Building.
Telephone 570. DECATUR, ILL.

Dr. T. S. Hoskins, Dentist, Opera House Block, ground floor.
jan 24-d&wtf

DR. A. M. DREW,
Physician and Surgeon.
OFFICE—Over Bradley Bros.' Store; Rooms 40 and 41
RESIDENCE—442 West Prairie Avenue.
Telephone—(Old), Office 555; Residence, 556
Aug. 26-dtf

DR. M. A. MAJORS,
Treats all Diseases of Men, Women and Children. Health Advice Free.
TEN YEARS EXPERIENCE. Office Hours; 9 a. m. to 12 m.; 2 p. m. to 5 p. m.; 7 p. m to 8:30 p. m.
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HARRY K. MIDKIFF,
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147 South Water St.
Telephone—Old 329, New 78, Residence, Old 306
COLLECTIONS A SPECIALTY.

ST. NICHOLAS HOTEL.
CHAS. LAUX, Proprietor.
South Side Lincoln Square, Decatur, Ill

B. I. STERRETT
ATTORNEY AT LAW.
OFFICE—Over Bryan' Clothing Store Decatur

F. L. TAYLOR, Collector. J. B. MOFFETT, Lawyer.
TAYLOR & MOFFETT,
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New Quarters with a Neat Barber Shop and Express Line Combined.
CHAS. PERKINS
Will Cut Hair for......15c
Will Shave you for......10c
When you want a Wagon, ring up old phone 442

Master in Chancery's Sale.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, } ss. In the Circuit
MACON COUNTY, } Court.

Mattie E. Peacock, Complainant, vs. Margetta Sparks et al., Defendants—In Chancery; No. 15258.

Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a decree of the circuit court of Macon county, State of Illinois, entered in the above entitled cause at the January Term of said court A. D. 1897, I, James J. Finn, Master in Chancery of said court, will on

Saturday, March 20th, 1897,

at 2 o'clock p. m. of said day, at the north door of the court house on East Wood street, in the City of Decatur, in said county offer for sale at public vendue to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand, subject to redemption according to law, the real estate in said decree ordered to be sold, being described as follows, to-wit: Commencing 50 feet west of the southeast corner of Lot 10 in Block 2 of S. K. Thompson's 2d Addition to the City of Decatur, thence north 150 feet parallel with the east line of said lot, thence west 30 feet, thence south 150 feet, thence east 30 feet to the place of beginning, in Macon county, Illinois.

Dated at Decatur, Illinois, this 15th day of February, 1897.

JAMES J. FINN, Master in Chancery.

Mills Bros., Complainant's Solicitors.

Feb. 26-dtd

Master in Chancery's Sale.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, } ss
MACON COUNTY, }

In the Circuit Court.

The Loan and Homestead Association, complainant, vs. Bartlett Clark et al., defendants; In Chancery—No. 15728.

Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a decree of the circuit court of Macon County, in the State of Illinois, entered in the above entitled cause at the September term of said court, A. D. 1896, I, James J. Finn, master in chancery of said court, will, on

Saturday, March 13, 1897,

at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m. of said day, at the north door of the court house on East Wood street, in the city of Decatur in said county, offer for sale at public vendue to the highest and best bidder the real estate in said decree ordered to be sold, being described as follows, to-wit: Lots Five (5) and Eight (8) in Block One (1) in LeForges & Patterson's Addition to the City of Decatur in Macon county, Illinois.

Terms of Sale:—$350 cash in hand on day of sale, and the balance in twelve months, deferred payment to be secured by approved personal security and a mortgage on the premises sold, and to bear interest at 6 per cent, from day of sale or the purchaser may pay all cash if he so desires.

Dated at Decatur, Ill., this 12th day of February, A. D. 1897.

JAMES J. FINN, Master in Chancery.

Shelley Bros., solicitors for complainant.

Stockholders' Meeting.

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Decatur Plumbing and Heating Company will be held at their office on Monday, March 1, 1897, at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m., for the election of officers and the transaction of such other business as may come before said meeting.

W. H. ELWOOD, President.

O. W. DAWSON, Secretary.

Feb. 5-dtd

P., D. & E. EXCURSIONS.

Sunday excursion rates to all points on the P., D. & E. One fare round trip. Tickets good returning on day of sale.

Winter tourist rates now on to points south, southwest and southeast.

One way settler rates to points south every first and third Tuesday of each month. Very low.

Good connections at Peoria for Iowa, Nebraska and Colorado points; at Mattoon with Big Four for Cincinnati, Cleveland Columbus and eastern points; at Evansville for all Southern and Florida points.

City ticket office removed from 110 Library Block to 121 East William street, directly across the street. New 'phone No. 28; Old, No. 490; Union Depot 'phone No. 47, New.

Call on or address W. L. Smith, Union Depot, or T. Penlwell, 121 East William street.

R. R. TIME TABLES.

In effect Feb. 7, 1897.

Wabash Line

TO CHICAGO.		FROM CHICAGO.	
12	* 1:05 a m	13	* 3:30 a m
14	*11:45 a m	15	* 3:55 p m
16	† 7:40 a m	17	† 7:25 p m
TO ST. LOUIS.		**FROM ST. LOUIS.**	
3	* 3:40 a m	6	*5:25 a m
11	* 6:55 a m	4	†11:25 a m
5	† 4:05 p m	14	*11:42 a m
15	* 4:00 p m	10	* 8:58 p m
1	*12:13 a m	2	*11:17 p m
7	* 7:20 p m	12	*12:55 a m
TO TOLEDO.		**FROM TOLEDO.**	
6	* 5:28 a m	1	*12:10 a m
4	†11:30 a m	7	* 7:17 p m
2	*11:20 p m	5	† 3:50 p m
10 Laf. acm.†	4:40 p m	3	* 3:20 a m
		11	*10:30 a m
TO QUINCY.		**FROM QUINCY.**	
5	* 4:05 p m	4	*11:26 a m
3	* 5:40 a m	2	*10:46 p m
17 Spfd only†	7:40 p m	16 from Spfg †	7:35 a m
11 Spfd acm†	10:34 a m	10 Effm acm. †	4:36 p m

*Daily. †Daily except Sunday.

Illinois Central.

NORTH.	SOUTH.
Diamond Special, daily......1:32 a m	Diamond Special, daily......2:55 a m
No. 104, daily, 11:25 a m	No. 135 pass. ex. Sunday......9:30 a m
No. 194, freight ex. Sunday......2:00 p m	No. 193 freight ex. Sunday......10:10 a m
No. 107 pass. ex. Sunday......6:11 p m	No. 123, daily, 3:32 p m
No. 702 (Champ'n line) leaves, ex. Sunday......2:25 p m	No. 701 (Champ'n line) arrives ex. Sunday......10:15 a m
No. 704—to Chicago, via Champa'n, daily 6:00 a m	No. 703—From Chicago, daily 9:05 p m
No. 120 daily to Chicago......11:52 a m	No. 119 daily, to St. Louis......2:58 p m

Peoria, Decatur and Evansville.

Arrive from Peoria	Arrive from Evansville
A No. 1......10:42 a. m.	A No. 2......2:41 p. m.
D No. 3......10:10 p. m.	A No. 4......3:50 a. m.
A No. 31......4:50 p. m.	A No. 30......6:15 a. m.
	S No. 36......7:10 a. m.
Depart for Peoria	**Depart for Evansville**
A No. 2......2:47 p. m.	A No. 1......10:50 a. m.
A No. 4......4:10 a. m.	D No. 3......10:20 p. m.
A No. 30......6:35 a. m.	A No. 31......5:00 p. m.
S No. 36......7:30 a. m.	A No 11......8:15 p. m.
A No. 10......10:42 a. m.	
"A"—Daily Except Sunday.	"D"—Daily. "S" Sunday Only.

Indiana, Decatur & Western Ry Co.

ARRIVE.	LEAVE.
No. 3 Pass....*4:00 a m	No. 2 Pass....†11:25 a m
" 1 Pass....†2:25 p m	" 4 Pass....*10:20 p m
" 7 Acc....†10:00 a m	" 4 Accom....†4:00 a m

*Daily. †Except Sunday. ‡Run ends here

Vandalia Line.

In effect Jan. 17, 1897.

Trains Leave Decatur, Illinois.

FOR THE WEST.

No. 7, Ex., Sun. 11:42 a. m............For Peoria
No. 5, Ex., Sun. 7:00 a. m. ....For Peoria

FOR THE EAST.

No. 20, Ex., Sun. 8:00 a. m...... For Terre Haute
No. 6, Ex. Sun 3:25 p. m...... For Terre Haute

For complete Time Card, giving all trains and stations, and for full information as to rates, through cars, etc., address J. C. Millspaugh, T. P. A., Decatur, Ill., or E. A. Ford, Gen'l Pass. Agt., St. Louis, Mo.

CHANCERY NOTICE.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, } ss
MACON COUNTY, }

In the Circuit Court to the June Term, A. D. 1897.

Lewis F. Hall vs. Jane Willey Hall—Divorce.

It appearing by affidavit filed in my office that the above named defendant is a non-resident of the state of Illinois, notice is hereby given to you that the above named complainant has filed his bill of complaint in said court, on the chancery side thereof, which said suit is still pending, and that summons thereon issued out of said court against you the above named defendant, returnable on the first day of the next June term thereof, to be held at the court house in the City of Decatur, on the first Monday of June, 1897.

Now unless you the said Jane Willey Hall, shall be and appear on the first day of said term of said court to plead, answer or demur to said bill of complaint, the same will be taken as confessed against you and a decree rendered according to the prayer thereof.

Dated at Decatur this 22d day of February, A. D. 1897. [Seal] D. L. FOSTER, Clerk.

Feb 22-d4w

SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of an execution to me directed and delivered by the clerk of the circuit court of Piatt county, Illinois, in favor of Thomas L. McDaniel and against Charles H. Bridges, Wm. Marshall Bridges and Frank Walz, partners doing business under the firm name and style of Bridges, Walz & Co., I have levied upon the following described property, to-wit: Sixty-five (65) feet in width off of the south side of Lot Three (3) of B. L. Howenstine's addition to the City of Decatur, in Macon county, Illinois. Taken as the property of the said Charles H. Bridges, which I shall offer at public sale at north door of the court house in Decatur, in Macon county in said state, on the 18th day of March, A. D., 1897, at 10 o'clock a. m. of said day, for cash in hand to satisfy said execution.

This 25th day of February, A. D. 1897.

J. P. NICHOLSON, Sheriff Macon Co., Ill.

Feb 25-dtd

Administrator's Notice.

Estate of Ferby Holman, deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed administrator of the estate of Ferby Holman, late of the County of Macon, and State of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that he will appear before the county court of Macon county, at the court house in Decatur, at the April term, on the first Monday in April next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this 10th day of February, 1897.

DAVID T. HOLMAN, Administrator.

Feb 10-d3w

"Good Flour" Is Not Good Enough.

Pillsbury's Best

is what every housewife wants. Makes the most bread, the whitest bread, the best bread.

Get Pillsbury's Best. Ask and Insist.

VITALIS THE NEW FRENCH REMEDY.

VITALIS PRODUCES THE ABOVE RESULTS. It quickly and surely removes Nervousness, Impotency, Nightly Emissions, Evil Dreams, Wasting diseases and all effects of self-abuse or excess and indiscretion. Restores Lost Vitality, Power and Failing Memory. Wards off Insanity and consumption. Cures when all others fail. Insist on having VITALIS, no other. Can be carried in the vest pocket. By mail $1.00 per package or six for $5.00 with a guarantee to Cure or Refund the Money. Circular Free. Address CALUMET MEDICINE CO., CHICAGO, ILL.

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With a pair of our

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We have such a large and varied stock of up-to-date Shoes to select from that we can give you size without any trouble in any style which you may select.

We will continue the sale on Broken Lots which we have been advertising until every pair is sold. Remember these goods are all new, fresh goods, and include such goods as HANAN & SONS.

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B. F. BOBO, Manager.

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Are not pleasant, but you'll get them every time you use a poor toothbrush.

GET A BRUSH that is built right—costs a little more, but gives satisfaction.

Try our 25c Brush.

KING'S DRUG STORE,

LOCAL NEWS.

Denz, Tailor, 117 North Water St.

Hot water bottles, all sizes, 75c each, at West's drug store.—19-dtf

Smoke the Litle J., 5-cent cigar, made by Jacob Keck.

Irwin's satisfaction tooth powder whitens and preserves the teeth.

Sparrow's fine chocolate for sale at the Opera House Drug store.

Smoke the Little J., a fine hand made, Sumatra wrapper—5 cent cigar.

Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of bread, cakes, pies, etc. june 22-dtf

Smoke the famous Leda, a fine 10 center, made by John Weigand. Mch 25 tf.

Take the Vandalia-Pennsylvania for Washington, D. C.; reduced rates for the inauguration.

Largest and finest stock of face powders in Decatur at West's drug store, all at cut prices.—19-dtf

Decatur Steam Bakery bread and McKinney's St. Louis bread at the Economy.—17-dtf

Pure gum camphor, prevents moths, lowest price ever made; 50c a pound. Weets' drug store.—19-dtf

Only to be had at the old reliable Dill pickles in bulk. Pearl Oyster and Fish Co., telephone 344—23-4t

Only Two Hours and Fifty Minutes to Peoria. Take the Vandalia Line. Train leaves at 11:42 a. m.

J. M. Hughes & Co. at Durfee & Bros.' old stand have a choice stock of fresh garden and flower seeds. Give them a call. feb23-d&wtf

Buy your garden, flower and field seeds of Dan Culp, the old reliable seedsman fresh stock and all varieties of garden seed in bulk. No. 223 North Main street. Durfee & Culp.—1-d&wtf

Still lower, you can't afford to have breakfast without a nice salt mackerel at 5c. Pearl Oyster and Fish company. Telephone 344.—23-4t

Harry Snarr
has secured the agency of
Allegretti & Co.'s
Chocolate Cream.
24-d6

A good two-seated surrey (nearly new), a buggy and cart, also two yearling Jersey heifers, will be sold at the closing out sale of the Montgomery stock farm, and 18 head of horses, on Monday, March 1, 1897. w1-d3t

The Old Reliable.

Sewed half soles, $1 from now on; pegs cut down accordingly. Louis Mackenzie.—22-d1w

Attention.

Olive Branch camp, Royal Neighbors, No. 218. All members of the staff are requested to be present at staff drill in the hall Saturday afternoon at 2:30 prompt. Mrs. Lizzie Grist, manager of staff.

Snow.

Another wintry blast struck Decatur last night, a nor'wester, accompanied by a light fall of snow. The wind was sharp and cutting this forenoon.

Garden Seeds.

Just received a large stock of all kinds of D. M. Ferry & Co.'s fresh bulk garden seeds, at the Spencer & Lehman Co.'s.—jan 29-d&wtf

Quinine.

Special low prices at West's drug store:
Powers & Weightman, ounce....50 cents
German, ounce.....40 cents
2-grain pills, 100.....25 cents
Gum camphor, pound.....50 cents

Seed Distribution.

New seed store, complete stock, fresh garden, field and flower seeds. Leon & Morris, 133 East Wood street.—9-dw&tf

To Stop a Cold in 30 Minutes.

Take Contra-Cold Tablets, guaranteed or money refunded by all druggists, 30c.

DROPPED DEAD.

A Mexican War Veteran and Retired Farmer at Rest.

SUDDEN SUMMONS FOR J. A. LOWRY.

Heart Failure the Cause—Taken Away in a Few Moments—Coroner Bendure Called to the Family Home.

J. A. Lowry dropped dead at his home, No. 558 South Jackson street at about 10 o'clock this forenoon, due to heart failure. He had been subject to attacks of dizziness and his family had felt that he would go quickly. Mr. Lowry had been out in the barn feeding the cow, and while stooping over, he felt himself growing dizzy. He managed to get into the house where he died in a few moments. Coroner Bendure was called to the residence and an inquest was held. The verdict was that death was due to natural causes.

Mr. Lowry was aged 71 years. He was a retired farmer, having come to the city to spend the remainder of his days free from the cares of agricultural pursuits. He was a Mexican war veteran, he and the late Thomas Lord having served in the same company. The children of Mr. Lowry are Mrs. O. P. Fulton and John Lowry of Abilene, Kan., Mrs. Adeline McCrury of Centre Point, Kan., Mrs. Ida Caloney, who resides on the Lowry farm in Wheatland township, George Lowry, Charles Lowry, Mrs. Lillie Logan, wife of Lafayette Logan, and Mrs. Mary Logan, a step-daughter, wife of Hugh Logan, all of Decatur.

The time of the funeral has not been fixed.

ACTION OF THE LIBRARY BOARD.

The Offer of Roberts & Green is Rejected and the Library Will be Moved to the Powers Block.

The members of the library board held their regular monthly meeting last evening. All were present excepting Dr. William A. Barnes who left on a trip to the south some time ago. The most important business transacted last night was the reconsideration of the vote to move the library. After it was decided to move Roberts and Green offered the rooms in the library block free of charge and it was deemed necessary to take some action on the offer. A motion was made and carried to reconsider the former vote. Then a motion was made to reconsider the Roberts & Green offer but this was lost. The offer of Mr. Powers was again brought up and accepted by a vote of 6 to 2. The former vote when all the members were present was 5 to 4 in favor of the moving. The action at the meeting last night finally decides the matter and it is now simply a matter of making the arrangements preparatory to moving into the new quarters. The room is to be divided up to suit the library and as soon as the board make their plans workmen will be put to work.

The fact that it is necessary to reach the new rooms through the elevators has been brought up as an objection, but the people will soon get used to using the elevator and it is thought it will be an advantage to have the rooms in the upper part of the building where there will be no dust and noise. In the public library at St. Louis there are eight electric elevators and many of the Chicago libraries are only reached by elevators.

The Powers proposition which as stated was accepted, provides that Powers shall pay all expenses of moving. The amount of floor space secured is about 80 per cent more than that occupied at present.

The first two years' rent is absolutely free, but the board took a lease for five years, including the two free years on the room. At the end of this time they can have the option of renewing it for another five years and are at liberty to vacate at any time during this second lease by giving one year's notice.

The building and grounds committee, consisting of Messrs. Quinlan and Wayne and Mrs McReynolds, to which committee, Mrs Evans, the librarian, was added, were instructed to visit the new room in the Powers' block and prepare plans for arranging the room. These plans will be submitted at the next meeting of the board on the last Thursday in March. When the plans are decided upon by the board Mr. Powers will at once set to work to arrange the room in accordance with them. Mr. Powers says it will require five or six weeks to put the rooms in shape. This will defer the moving at least two months. The board says there will be no attempt to move until every thing is in entire readiness and until the weather is settled, which will be late in the spring, probably about the first of May.

The book cases from the old library will be used and only such additional ones as are needed will be put in new.

The space in the new location will be so arranged that no additional help would be required, while in the old building the added space would be so distributed that at least one other assistant would be needed and an expense of $300 or $400 be added.

The library is insured for $10,000. The present rate of insurance is 3 per cent and in the new room it will be 1.85 per cent. This will mean a saving of $65 a year. The rental on the new room after the first two years will be $25 a year less than they are now paying.

Two members of the board a few days ago made a test of the capacity of the elevators in the building for handling the patrons. It was found that the elevator made the trip from the first to the fifth story and down again, including two stops, in sixty-four seconds. There are two elevators, each with a capacity of fifteen grown persons and making liberal allowances for stops and for loading they could carry 1200 people a round trip per hour, which would be greatly in excess of any requirement.

AT REST IN GREENWOOD.

William T. Dillehunt Buried with the Knights of Pythias Ceremonies.

The funeral of the late William T. Dillehunt took place this afternoon at three o'clock from the family residence on East Bradford street, in the presence of a large number of neighbors and fraternal friends. The rooms were crowded and despite the severity of the weather many remained outside or found refuge in adjacent dwellings. There were many beautiful floral offerings from the relatives, from Coeur de Leon lodge, No. 17, K. P., and from the Royal Arcanum friends. Rev. D. F. Howe, pastor of the First M.E. church, conducted the services at the house, delivering an appropriate discourse. The vocal music was by the Arion quartet, comprising R. W. Chilson, C. W. Montgomery, F. E. Bunn and A. E. Lindamood. The selections were "Serenity," "Rock of Ages" and "Abide With Me." The escort for the remains to Greenwood cemetery included the members of Coeur de Leon lodge, No. 17, who had charge of the interment in compliance with the Knights of Pythias ritual, and also members of Chevalier Bayard lodge, No. 189, and visiting Knights. At the grave the Knights formed the triangle and Samuel D. McKinney, past chancellor and grand lodge representative, officiated as prelate. The active pall bearers were Andrew Kremling, F. M. Patterson, Edward Knight and R. J. Stratton of No. 17, and F. M. Kelso and R. O. Rosen of the Royal Arcanum. The honorary pall bearers were Past Chancellors T. V. Jones, W. E. Surface, M. Beilbrun, P. Haimbacher, Max Atlas and J. J. H. Young.

ACTIVE DEMAND FOR HORSES.

Good Drivers and Draft Horses Wanted All Over the Country.

Charles M. Fletcher of Mt. Zion, township, who was in the city today, talked horse awhile. He is a breeder of racers and stylish drivers and draft horse. It is generally known that during the past five years, owing to a variety of causes, mainly the development of the use of electricity, there has been a great dropping off in the breeding of colts. In consequence there is a big shortage of good drivers and draft houses throughout the country. Breeders are being advised as to the state of affairs from the market centres. One dealer writes: "The horse market has started up, and is quite brisk. There has been quite an improvement in both demand and prices, and we look for a little increase in both all along through March and April. There are plenty of buyers at the markets. It is a well settled fact that we have turned the corner of low prices and that we are on the upgrade. Horses are going to be better, as the supply is on the decrease and they are sure to bring higher prices. With returning prosperity and the increase in the demand we believe it will not be many years before horses will be as high as ever. We would advise farmers to commence to breed the best kinds of horses, and get them ready for the market." Mr. Fletcher states that from information in his possession, he knows that prices for good drivers and draft horses are advancing and that farmers generally are carefully breeding their mares to obtain the best results.

The farmer who has good horses will be sure to command good money.

TRIAL PUT OFF.

Hearing in the Tom Hickman Murder Case at Monticello Delayed.

The trial of Otis Woolington and Fred Fales, the convict, for the alleged murder of Thomas Hickman in Piatt county, will not be reached at Monticello until the September term of the circuit court.

Judge Vail presided at Monticello yesterday when the two prisoners were arraigned. Both pleaded not guilty. The attorneys for Fales asked for a continuance on the ground of the absence of a material witness, a party named Keenan who is in California. The prosecution asked for a continuance in the case against Woolington, because an important witness named Adams is in Wyoming. Both applications were granted. Fales will be returned to the penitentiary to serve out his time on another charge and Woolington will remain in the jail at Monticello.

Bound Her Over.

On a search warrant sworn out by Frances A. Moore Constable Conard went to the quarters of Alice Chenoweth in the Harpstrite building on Mason street and secured a lot of bedding, clothing, and other materials belonging to Mrs. Moore. The Chenoweth woman was taken before Justice Shorb who bound her over to the action of the grand jury.

Married.

At his office by Justice Shorb on Feb. 26, Thomas J. Fahay and Miss Rosa Grossman, both of Decatur.

$5,000.00 DECISION.

The Appellate Court Affirms the Finding for Mrs. Williams.

MONEY FOR WIDOW OF AN ENGINEER

The Terre Haute & Indianapolis Railway Company Will Have to Come Down—Case Over a Year Old.

In the appellate court today in the case of Mrs. Williams, widow of James Williams, a railroad engineer, against the Terre Haute and Indianapolis railroad company, a line running through Decatur, for $5000 damages, the decision of the court at the trial held in the Macon county circuit court before Judge Vail, over a year ago, was affirmed, and the verdict then obtained for $5000 will stand. James Williams, while in the performance of his duties as engineer for the company, lost his life near the town of Tabor, on the line of the road. A lot of cattle got on the railroad track, and at about daylight the cattle were struck by the locomotive. The engine was derailed and Williams was killed. The fences along the right of way were in bad repair and the cattle broke through, and this fact went against the company at the trial. The attorneys for the company were W. C. Outten and Mr. Golden. Those for the plaintiff were Attorneys J. J. Finn, Alex McIntosh and David Hutchison. The victorious attorneys naturally feel jubilant over the good news from the appellate court, and they believe that in a very short time Mrs. Williams will receive the $5000.

GOING TO WASHINGTON.

See the Silk Flag Decatur Citizens and Comrades Will Give to McKinley.

In one of the show windows at the Morehouse & Wells Co. hardware store is displayed a large and beautiful silk flag, which cost $100, and which on March 4, inauguration day, will be presented to President McKinley with the compliments of Decatur citizens and comrades. The flag will be taken to Washington by William F. Martin, the well known veteran, and he will see that the offering reaches the chief executive of the nation. The fund for the purchase of the flag was contributed by a large number of citizens, the sums being in small amounts. The flag will be displayed in the window until tomorrow night.

Robson in The "Jucklins."

"The Jucklins" will receive its introduction at the Powers Grand next Thursday when Mr. Stuart Robson and his company will appear here. It is said in this play Mr. Robson has struck the keynote of success, and it has found favor with both press and public. The piece is a dramatization of Opie Read's most successful novel, and is essentially a drama of love, roosters and "wallerin'." It will doubtless prove a revelation to those who are familiar with Mr. Robson's work to see him in the role of a gentle, temperate farmer, with a fringe of scraggy beard. It seems to be the universal opinion that this is one of the best things he has ever done. As an indicator to the character of Lem Jucklin, it might be well to cite the finish of the third act, when, trouble having overtaken him, he has fought his friends, Sam and Bob to a "finish," and brings forth the two stricken loyal friends cold in death, and lays them slowly and tearfully on the hearth rug. The success of the play is said to lie in its wholesome, simple humor. It is a composite picture of southern humor, pathos and piety. These three very human qualities form the basis of the drama, and are blended with the more delicate tints of love. Buy a copy of "The Jucklins" at J. W. Diller's book sale, corner North Main and Prairie street; a 50-c book for 10c.

Strong and Hearty.

A letter from B. Z. Taylor, who is at Hot Springs, Ark., for the benefit of his health, has been received at his place of business by Operator Dorwin. Ben writes that he is getting stronger rapidly and that he can scarcely get enough to eat. He is hungry all the time and though the hotels afford the best of accommodations, he always wants more. He is the first man in the dining room at each meal.

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DANCED AND DIED.

A Serious Shooting Affray at a Dance in Victoria, Mexico.

TEN KILLED, FIFTEEN WOUNDED.

Portland Cement Works Burned—St. Louis Bank Closed—Suit Against Gov. Pingree Dismissed—King George's Denial.

Victoria, Mexico, Feb. 27.—A dispatch from Tancol says that in an affray at a dance there were ten killed and fifteen seriously wounded. About fifty young men and women were dancing and drinking. At midnight all were drunk and one young man insulted a young woman. A general fight followed in which knives, pistols and other weapons were freely used with the above results.

King George Puts in a Denial.

London, Feb. 27.—The Greek ambassador denies that King George has intimated his intention of accepting the demand of the powers.

St. Louis Bank Closes.

St Louis, Feb. 27.—State Bank Examiner Austine closed the Mullanphy Savings bank this morning. The statement at the close of the business year showed liabilities exclusive of the capital stock of $700,000 of which about $650,000 are deposits; reserve, $800,000. As the result of the examination by the state bank examiner the Continental National bank through which the Mullanphy bank cleared at the end of the year notified the clearing house it would cease clearing for it. A run began this morning and the bank examiner promptly closed the institution.

Portland Cements Works Burned.

Canton, Feb. 27.—The plant of the Middle Branch Portland and Diamond Cement Co., at Midlebranch, was burned this morning. The loss is estimated at $200,000.

KING GEORGE SHOCKED.

He Expresses His Astonishment at the Course of the Powers.

London, Feb. 27.—A dispatch to the Chronicle from Athens says:

"During the interview with King George obtained by your correspondent Wednesday the king said:

"'I cannot but express my profound astonishment and grief upon learning that the representatives of the great Christian powers not only permit Turkish forces to employ as a military base a sphere they had taken under the protection in order to impose upon it neutrality and peace, but also positively caused their cannon to be fired upon Christian people driven by outrage and massacre to struggle for life, liberty and religion. Nothing in the world until these events occurred would have induced me to believe in the possibility of such an act.'

"His majesty then added:

"'I utterly fail to comprehend how Europe, instead of following historic precedents in Italy and elsewhere, allowing the Cretans to declare by plebiscite what nationality they should desire, should attempt to force upon them a regime alien to their feelings and inevitably destined to result in further complications.'"

Henry Norman, correspondent of the Chronicle, says he is authorized to say that Greece is fully prepared to accept the decision of a plebiscite.

The Chronicle urges Greece to declare war and so "end the infamy."

A dispatch to the Standard from Athens says:

"It is understood that the collective note of the powers has arrived and will be formally presented.

ROUTED BY GOMEZ'S MEN

Spanish Defeated Close to the Headquarters of Gen. Weyler.

Key West, Fla., Feb. 27.—Details just reached here of the disastrous rout of 500 Spaniards near Sitio Grande, south of Sagua La Grande, Santa Clara Province, Cuba, Monday, by a Cuban battalion, under Colonel Mercedes, of Gomez's army. What makes it more mortifying to the Spaniards is that it occurred so near Weyler's headquarters, where he claims everything is pacified.

This column had been sent out to break up a Cuban camp, though its existence the Spaniards did not know. The Cubans learned of its departure and watched it closely. Near the town of Carma, the Cubans divided, taking positions on some high ground, commanding the roads approaching. The Spaniards marched almost into the trap, when they were suddenly warned by the blowing of some mules. They turned into the woods to attack the Cubans on the flank, but the latter quickly saw their opportunity and as the Spanish troops turned off,